

## RELATIONSHIP Rx

More Than A Makeover –  
Sometimes Relationships Are A Fixer Upper

### Repairing a Faulty Foundation

“The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.”

**ISAIAH 58:11-12**

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

**LUKE 6:46-49**

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

**COLOSSIANS 3:12-14**

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.”

**2 CORINTHIANS 7:10**

When the foundations of a relationship are broken, when trust/honesty/commitment/perseverance are breached, when repair is the only hope and the only desire, then it must be pursued at great cost and difficulty. We know that this is true because we have witnessed it, experienced it, seen the way God has pursued us to rebuild a right relationship with us again. The same elements that play into our reconciliation with God are at work in the restoration of any of our relationships that are broken at their core. The genuine potential and possibility of mercy triumphing over judgment, of grace abounding over sin and failure, require a new set of realities to be at work in the foundational repair. It is not time that heals all wounds, or silence that somehow overcomes the breach, it is the hard, costly, honest work of giving ourselves to the life-giving process of:

1. repenting/forgiving
2. covering/comforting
3. healing/supporting/growing