



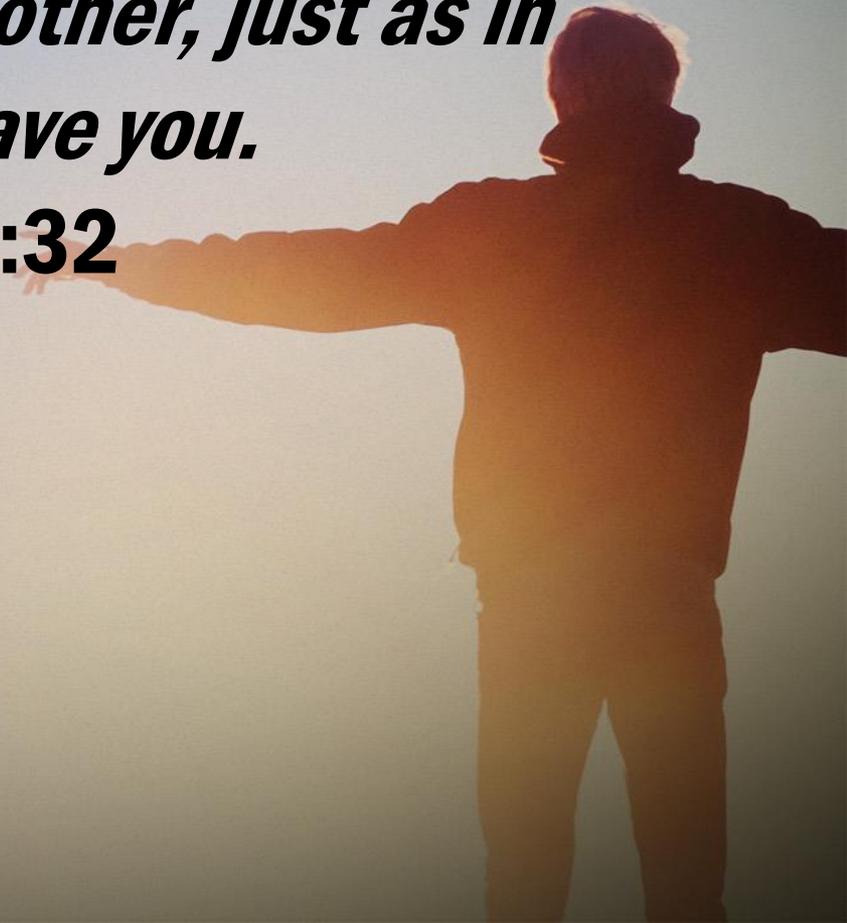
Letting Go

DISCOVERING THE LOST ART OF **FORGIVING**

A Reminder Lesson on Forgiveness

³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

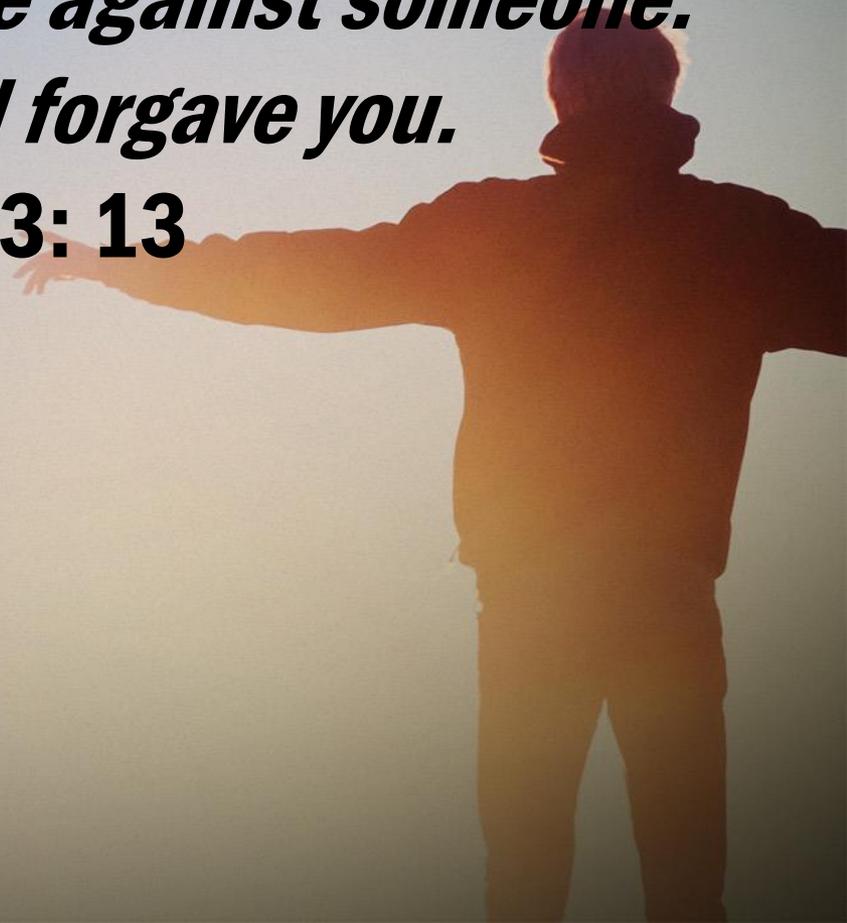


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Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.

Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3: 13



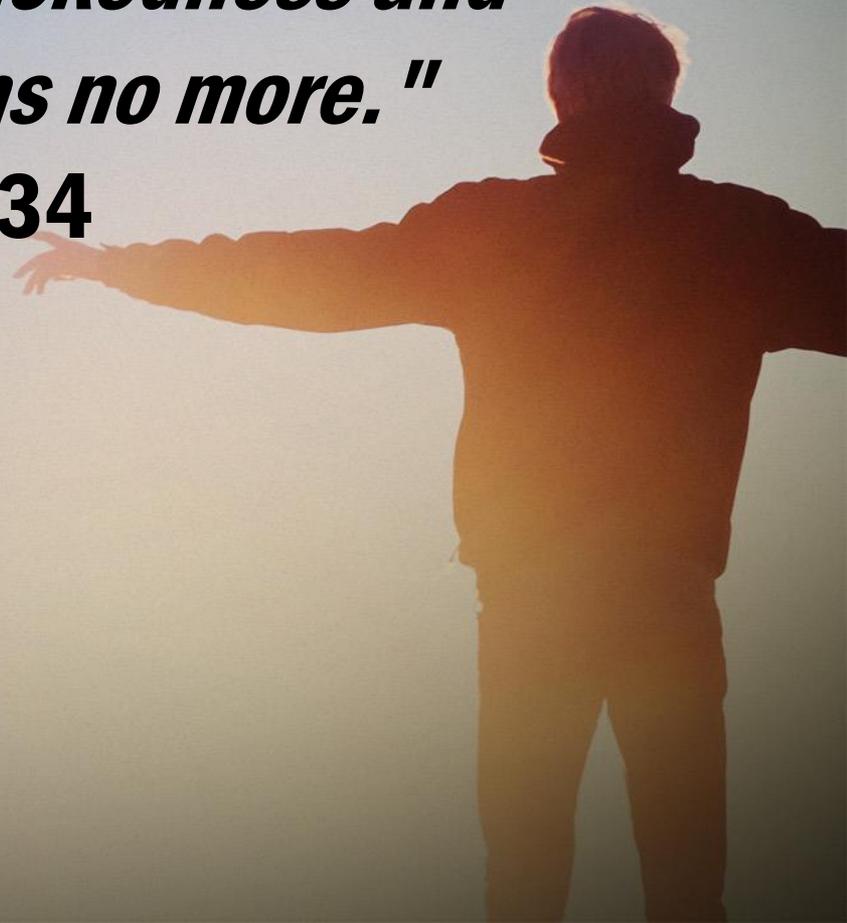
Why Forgive?

- 1. God commands it**
- 2. It models what God has done for us in Christ**
- 3. Because we've been forgiven**
- 4. For the good of the offender**
- 5. For our own good**



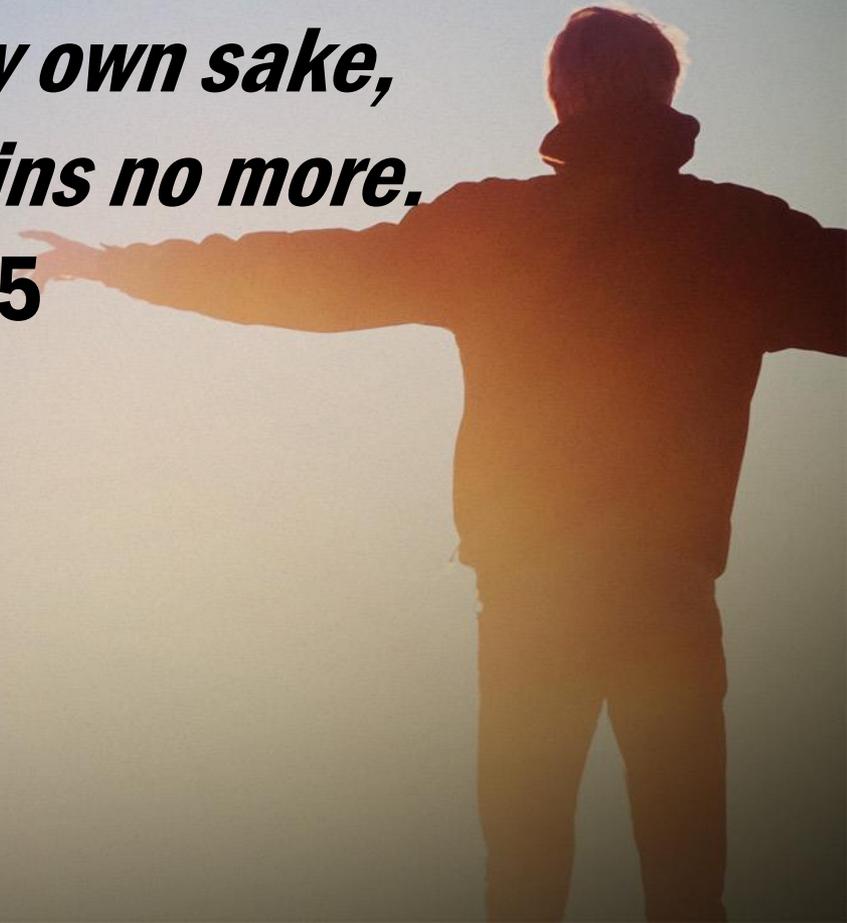
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Jeremiah 31: 34



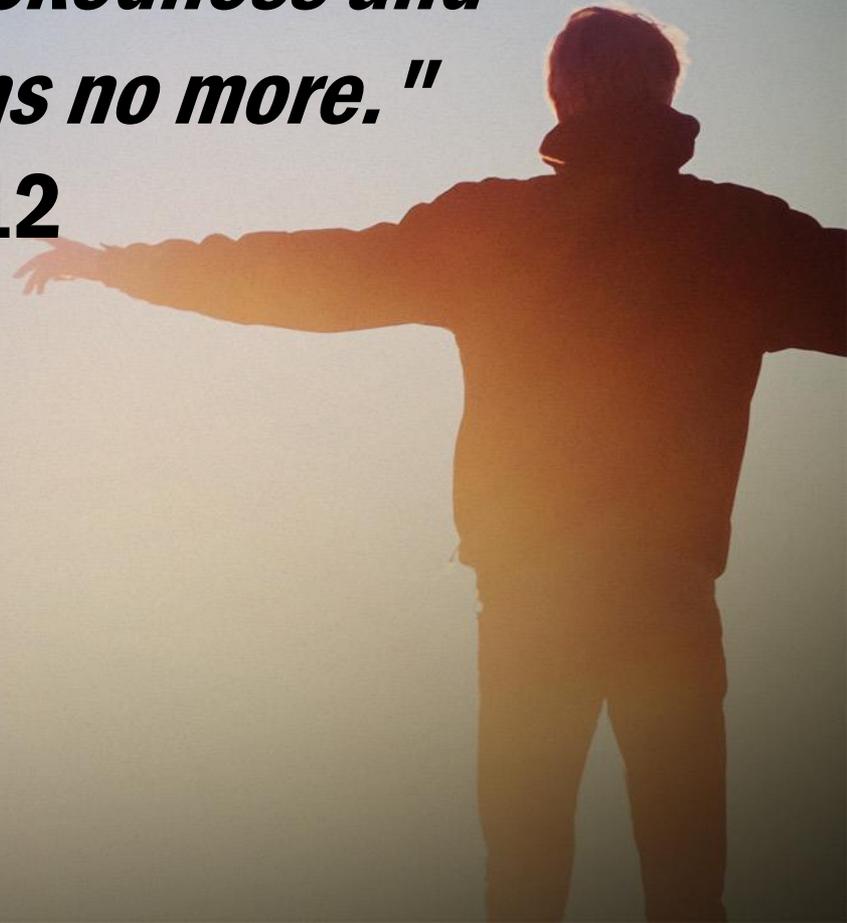
"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

Isaiah 43: 25



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will remember their sins no more."***

Hebrews 8: 12



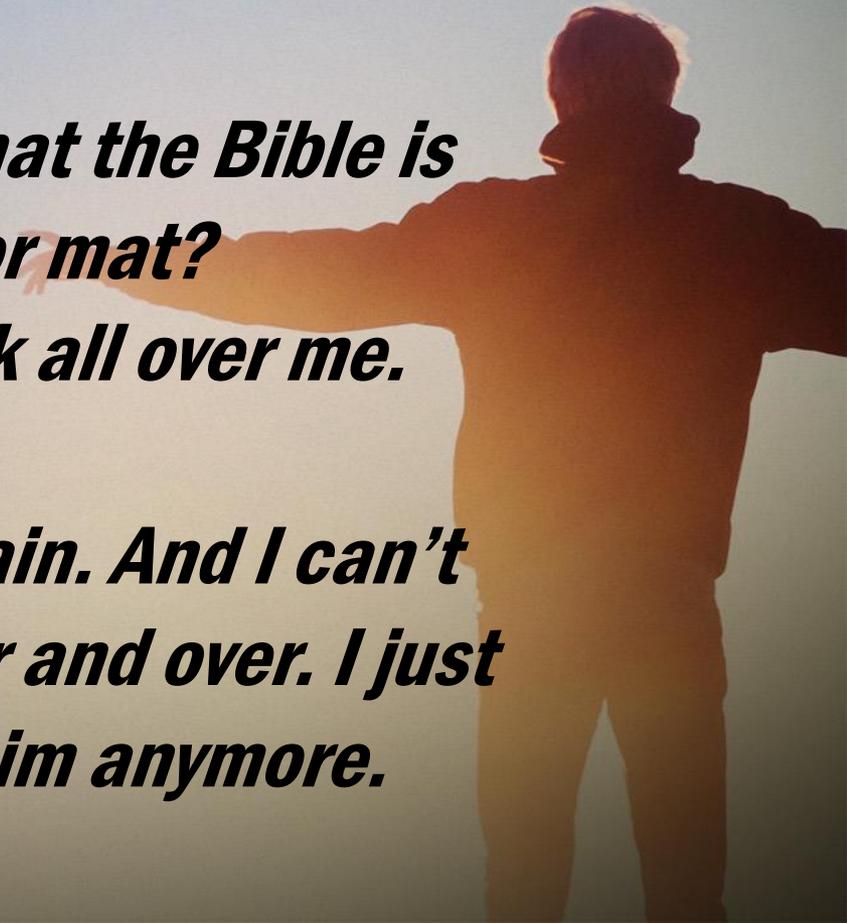
The Problem Stopping Us

I know I should forgive, but I just don't want to hurt by him anymore.

I'm not a door mat. Is that what the Bible is teaching? To be a door mat?

I can't keep letting him walk all over me.

If I forgive her, she'll do it again. And I can't stand to have this happen over and over. I just don't trust her anymore – him anymore.



The Solution, Allowing Us to Move Forward

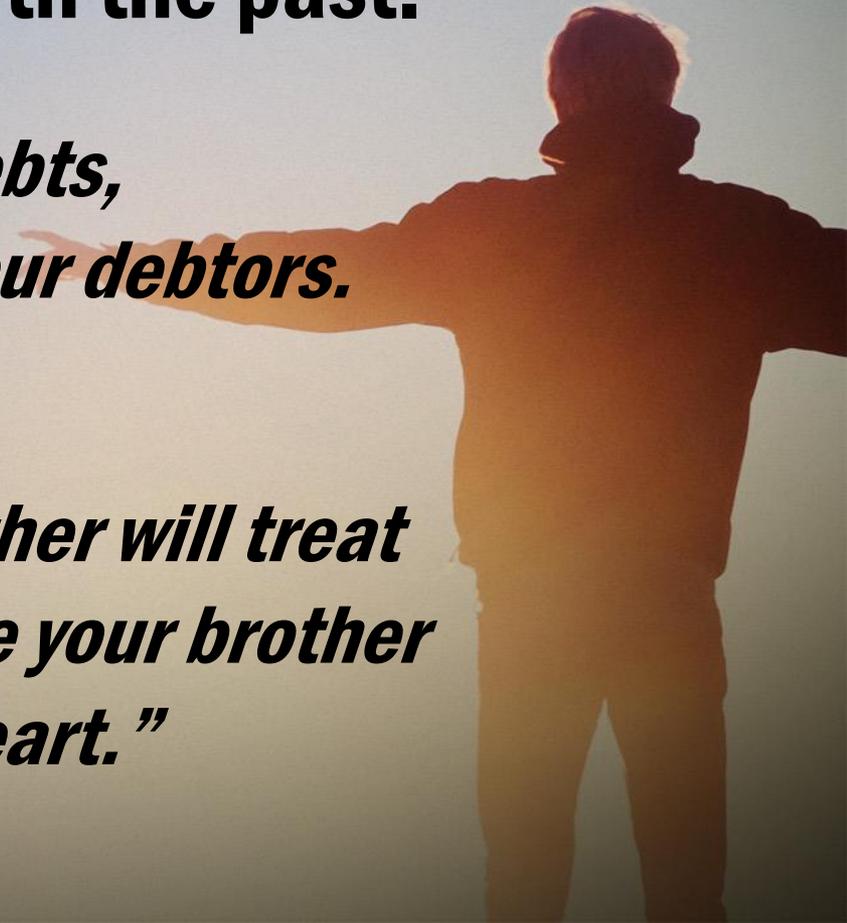
1. Forgiveness has to do with the past.

*And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

Matthew 6: 12

*“This is how my heavenly Father will treat
each of you unless you forgive your brother
or sister from your heart.”*

Matthew 18: 35



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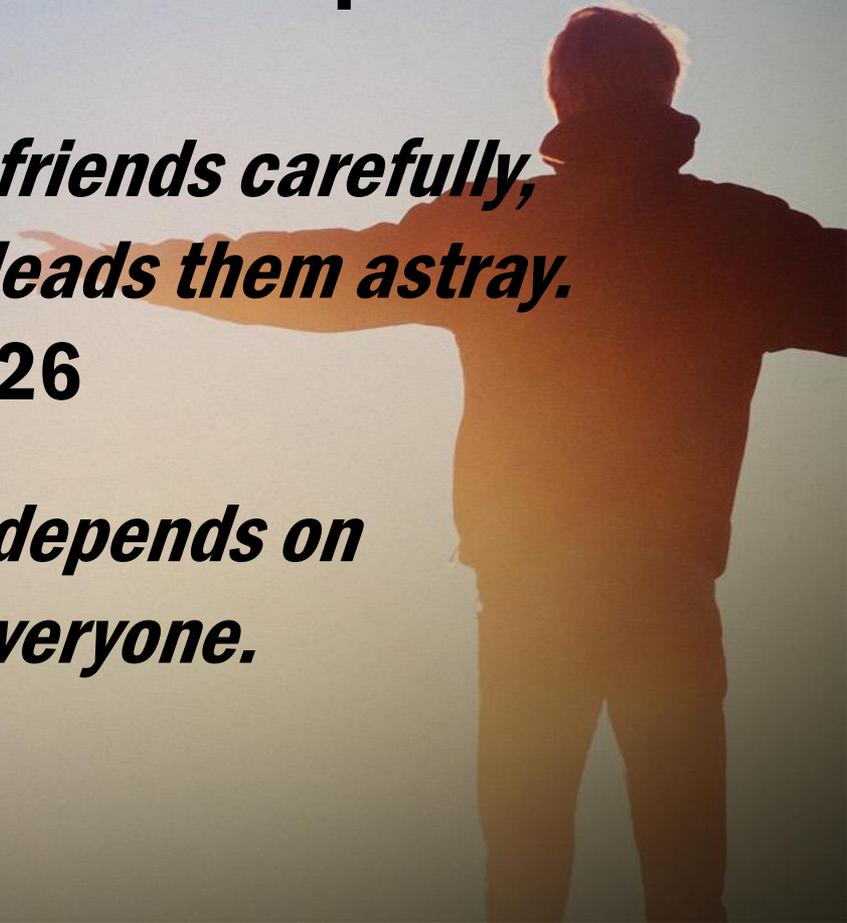
2. Reconciliation has to do with the present.

*The righteous choose their friends carefully,
but the way of the wicked leads them astray.*

Proverbs 12: 26

*If it is possible, as far as it depends on
you, live at peace with everyone.*

Romans 12: 18



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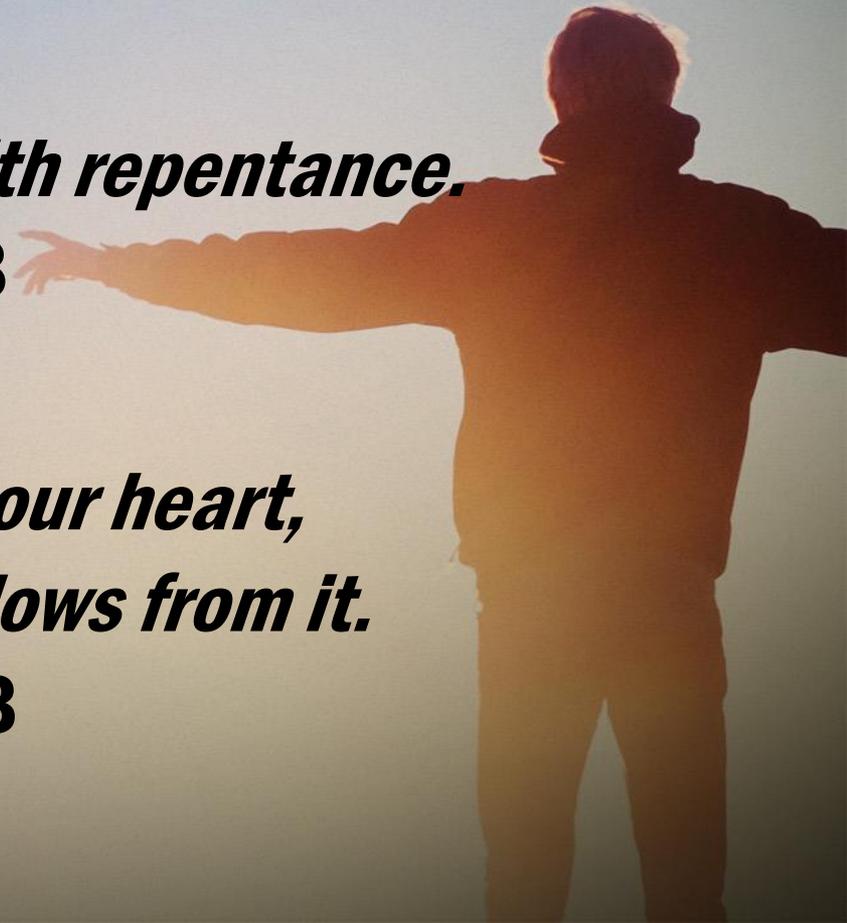
3. Trust has to do with the future.

Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

Matthew 3: 8

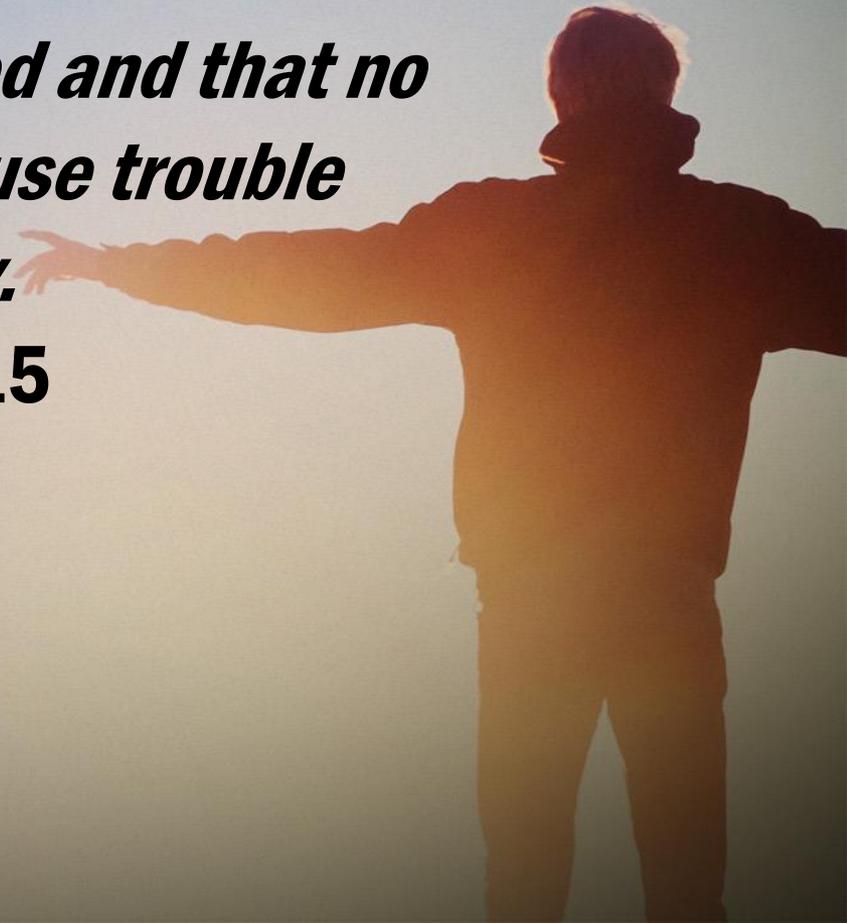
*Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.*

Proverbs 4: 23



Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Hebrews 12:14-15



Summary Conclusions

- 1. Make the choice to forgive, regardless of what others do.**
- 2. Keep the past clearly differentiated from the future.**
- 3. Guard your heart.**
- 4. Refuse to be manipulated.**
- 5. Get a trusted circle of counselors.**



Moving Forward in Your Relationship with Christ

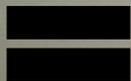
He forgives me



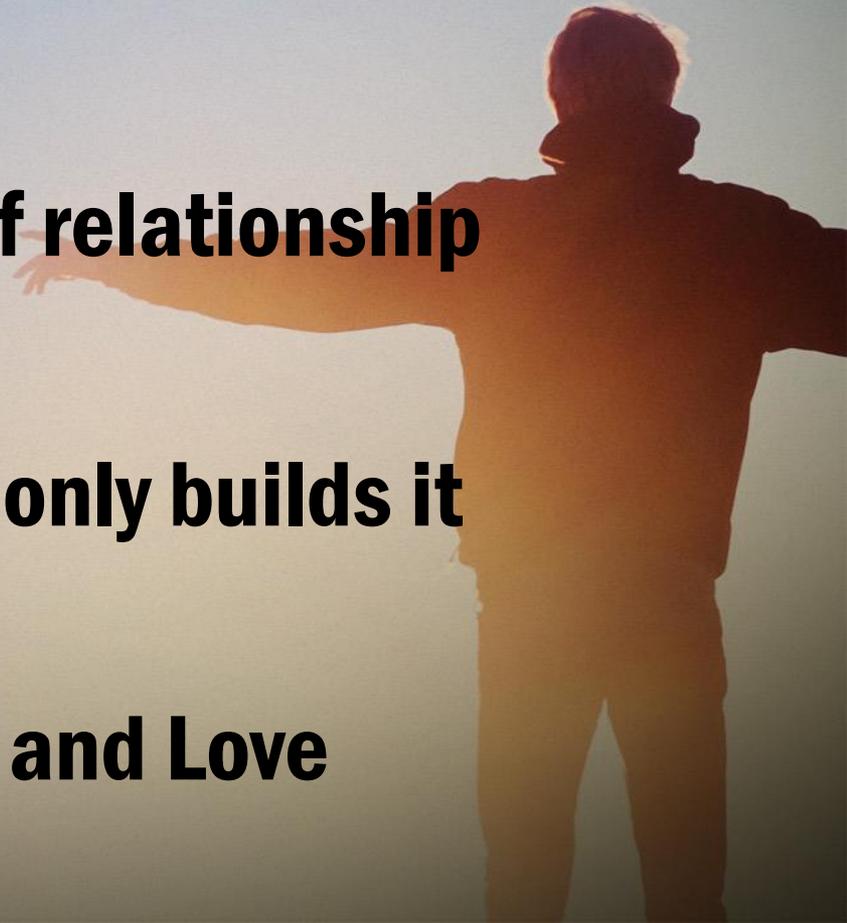
He reconciles the strain of relationship



He never breaks trust, He only builds it



Move Toward Him in Faith and Love





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