

RearView—3

APOLOGIZING TO THOSE YOU'VE HURT

Last Week!

Someone Let you down, hurt your feelings, inconsiderate, betray you?
But what if You were that person to someone else?

Easier to be a victim! Someone else's fault. Often our fault
What do you do when you've hurt someone?

Matt 5:23-24

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Go... Verb tense suggests an intense effort.

Priority over worship—restoration of a broken relationship.

Matt 5:9

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

PEACEMAKERS—NOT PEACEKEEPERS

- PEACEKEEPERS OFTEN AVOID CONFRONTATION TO KEEP PEACE.
- PEACEMAKERS EMBRACE CONFRONTATION TO MAKE PEACE.

PEACEMAKING POINTS

Never say Never, Always,

- THE GREATEST ENEMY TO PEACEMAKING IS PRIDE.
- THE GREATEST FRIEND TO PEACEMAKING IS HUMILITY.

Prov 11:2

2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.

Pride: Not going to apologize. Didn't do anything. Not my fault
Most relationships w/ongoing struggles—Partially at fault!

1% wrong

Humility: Love the person more than I love being right

Hiring Pastor friend's staff—technically right.

HOW TO APOLOGIZE WITH INTEGRITY

Right way & wrong way

Sorry you got feelings hurt * Did anything hurt you * Feel that way

1. ADMIT TO SPECIFIC ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES.

Shouldn't have raised my voice Sorry I didn't call.

Shouldn't have assumed Ignored your feelings

What you did—didn't do.

Wasn't there 4 u * Should've protected u * Didn't engage emotionally

2. DON'T MAKE EXCUSES.

If you didn't... Spent \$ cuz you never buy me anything nice

Joy—daddy you're never home—her reality

3. ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCES.

Gossiped—slow to trust you—broke trust

17—drove home drunk—not driving for 3 months

Had an affair... out of town

4. CHANGE YOUR BEHAVIOR.

Don't yell then apologize and yell again. Cuss—sorry.

Sorry I haven't been home much—increase your travel

Didn't invite—didn't think about.

5. ASK FOR FORGIVENESS.

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