

Multnomah Channel Yacht Club



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Greetings Club Members, Family & Friends

True Forgiveness

Without true forgiveness, bitterness will inevitably tear our relationships apart. No relationship, family (or club) will hold together for long if the people involved are unable to forgive one another. And I don't just mean saying the words 'I forgive you', but actually relating to your spouse, child, parent, friend or (fellow club member) with actions that show your forgiveness. Saying you forgive might create peace temporarily, but when that forgiveness isn't evidenced by the way you live and act, true reconciliation will never result.

Let's learn from a man in the bible who went before us. Absalom, the third son of King David, suffered much and also caused much suffering because forgiveness wasn't a part of his life. When Absalom discovered that his sister had been raped by his half brother, anger and hatred built up in him for two years until he finally killed him. Then to avoid the wrath of his father, he was on the run for a period of three years. And even after he returned he and his father, David, didn't speak to one another two more years.

And you thought your family (and club) had issues!

Well, Absalom never regained the love he had for his father. In fact, Absalom spent the rest of his life scheming against his father, King David. His life ended while he led a rebellion against his father. Absalom is an example of the wasted years and broken hearts that can result when we harbor bitterness and are unwilling to forgive.

By Steve Arterburn

"To forgive is the highest, most beautiful form of love. In return, you will receive untold peace and happiness."

"When you hold resentment toward another, you are bound to that person or condition by an emotional link that is stronger than steel. Forgiveness is the only way to dissolve that link and get free."

Good Health & Much Happiness Everyone!

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