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DOING JUSTICE GOD'S WAY – PART 2 OF 3

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Restoring the Image of
God in Us

Who will Lament the Dead?

2 Samuel 21: 1-14 - Story of Rizpah

- ◆ (vs.14) “After that...God answered prayer on behalf of the Land.”
- ◆ After What?
 - * After King David avenged with blood?
 - * After Rizpah protested the injustice of shedding innocent blood?

Biblical Justice: *Remembering without Revenge*

- ◆ “Forgive & Forget” – Not in Bible!
- ◆ “Remember & Repent” – (Lapsley)
- ◆ ‘Dis-member’ & ‘Re-member’
- ◆ How do we remember? (Psalm 78)
 - Remember to Re-educate
 - Remember to resolve
 - Remember to Reconcile

Understanding Bitterness

Hebrews 12:15:

- ◆ Bitterness hijacks **GRACE**
- ◆ Bitterness is like a **ROOT** –
(Deep, Entrenched & Chokes out life)
- ◆ Bitterness is not only a personal poison, but can cause **CORPORATE** chaos

The Forgiveness Factor

- ◆ Forgiveness as a Command
(Matthew 6:14-15)
- ◆ Forgiveness as a CHOICE
(Matthew 5: 23-24)
- ◆ Forgiveness as a PROCESS (Journey)
(Matthew 18: 21-35)

REACH Model of Forgiveness

- ◆ **R** = Recall the Hurt (remembering)
- ◆ **E** = Empathize with offender
(I Corinthians 6:11; Jude 22)
- ◆ **A** = Altruistic Gift – Decide to forgive
- ◆ **C** = Commitment to forgive publicly
(James 5:16)
- ◆ **H** = Hold on...

(Dr. Everett Worthington)

The Restoration of the Offender

- ◆ Recognise the Wrong-doing
- ◆ Feel the effects / consequences
- ◆ Acknowledge full responsibility
- ◆ Apologise & Offer Restitution
- ◆ Behaviour Change
- ◆ Embark on Reconciliation

Biblical Justice:

Intersecting Paths of Healing & Accountability

VICTIM

OFFENDER

Denial

Denial

Hurt

Remorse

Anger

Responsibility

Acceptance

Restitution

Reconciliation

Case Study: Joseph (Gen. 37-50)

Genesis 45:8 - "So then, it was not you who sent me here, BUT GOD."

Genesis 50:19-21 - "But Joseph said to them, 'Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good...I will provide for you and your children. And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.'"