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Weekly Devotional

WEEK FOUR -

Erase the Score

It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.

1 Corinthians 13:5b (NLT)

Last week we talked about the need to have a constant source of forgiveness in our daily lives. This week, we would like to focus on the need to erase the score. Our Scripture text reminds us of this very thing.

When we have been on the receiving end of hurts and disappointment, it can be easy to remind our spouse of the pain of the offence in effort to keep them aware of what affect it had on us. It's like a defense mechanism in effort to keep the same offence from be repeated in the future, but Proverbs 17:9 tells us, *He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates friends.* (NKJV)

This Scripture can be taken in a few different ways. Firstly, that sharing personal issues with others outside of a relationship can cause mistrust and separation. Secondly, if we continue to rehearse, or *repeatedly* remind others of their failures, it can cause undue weight upon a person therefore causing them to withdraw and bring about a disconnect. Our goal is always *restoration*, not separation. Being made to continually feel the weight of

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transgression that has been confessed, can also lead to separation. No one can carry the weight of sin perpetually, nor should we have to. Scripture tells us in Hebrews 10:17, *“Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”* God always wipes our slate clean when we confess our sin, we should do no less.

Don't allow yesterday's mistakes to fuel disharmony and distance for today. Let go of what lies behind. When we do, we lift the heavy weight of condemnation and open the door for the closeness, and harmony that we so hope for. Let's erase the scoreboard and start fresh with a clean slate!

No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,
Philippians 3:13 (NLT)