

Daily Devotional



David Welsh | When A Father's Heart is Breaking | 2 Sam. 18:33 - 19:1-7
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■ day one { responsibility }

What does “responsibility of self” mean to you? Ask yourself today, “Am I harboring anger towards someone else for my sins today? Am I blaming someone else for the failures or disappointments in my life? You can choose not to blame the turmoil and upheaval in your life on someone else, including your parents. **Today:** Choose to forgive them, make the choice to responsible for you and your action from this day forward. Today, choose the same kind of forgiveness our Father in Heaven gives. Read Matthew 6: 14,15.

■ day two { responsibility part 2 }

When you have been wronged, what responsibility are you taking to move past the scars and pain that have been left behind? You have been wronged, we all have; but are your eyes opened to the truth that in the mist of the pain. Are you making choices to use the pain caused by another; the hurt of painful failure after painful failure, to help someone else who might not be as strong as you are today? Is God refining you? **Today:** Read I Peter 1: 6- 7.

■ day three { emotionally crippled? }

Have you ever felt wronged? How did you react? Did you retaliate? Did you react in the flesh? Or did you react in spirit, with forgiveness, faith, and wisdom. If you are struggling with forgiveness of someone who has hurt you, don't retaliate in anger; pray for God's wisdom and direction. **Today:** Cast away the spirit of rebellion and pain, as you put on the coat of forgiveness and victory. Give forgiveness and pray for those who spitefully use you. Jesus did. Read Luke 23:34.

■ day four { attitude }

Do you know anyone in your life that seems to be lacking joy in his or her life? What can you do to help that person find the true meaning of joy? Attitude is a powerful word. With it comes a lot of “emotion”. A bad attitude is a sign of a spirit that is hurting or angered. How do you react in times of trouble or anger? Do you lash out or blame others for your actions? Keep your thoughts Holy and in the spirit of Christ so that you can ward off the attacks of a bad attitude with great joy and perseverance. **Today:** Read 1 Peter 1:13 Read James 1: 2-4

■ day five { wounded vs. healing }

What is your reaction when another Christian is struggling with a problem in their family? Do you think that they could not possibly be handling it in the right way? Do you come in with a superior attitude, full of platitudes and your “sage” advise? Where do you place the blame? When a family is hurting and in turmoil, the last thing they need from Christian friends is criticism. So what can you do as a Christian to help other Christians in pain? First, we must forgive ourselves. Help them to do that and to be able to move on. Then we must offer forgiveness. No one person makes all the mistakes. Read 2 Sam. 19:5-7. David did find the heart to go on. Some of you need to hear those same words. You are needed. Your family needs you. Your church needs you. It’s time to get on with your life.

■ a word from the writers

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