

# More Than Followers

## Stronger Together – Part II

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“Even though we are many individuals, Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other.”

Romans 12:5 <sup>GW</sup>

Maturing in your walk with Jesus requires that you mature in your walk with the people that He loves.

## Relationship First-Aid

### 1. The wound: SELFISHNESS.

James 4:1-2 <sup>GW</sup> – “Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that war within you. You want things, but you do not have them. So you are ready to kill and are jealous of other people, but you still cannot get what you want. So you argue and fight.”

The Treatment: SELFLESSNESS.

Philippians 2:4 <sup>GNT</sup> – “Look out for one another’s interests, not just for your own.”

### 2. The wound: PRIDE.

Proverbs 13:10 <sup>TLB</sup> – “Pride leads to arguments”

Proverbs 16:18 <sup>NLT</sup> – “Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.

Luke 14:11 <sup>NLT</sup> – “Those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The Treatment: HUMILITY.

1 Peter 3:8 <sup>GW</sup> – “Finally, everyone must live in harmony, be sympathetic, love each other, have compassion, and be humble.”

Ephesians 4:23-24 <sup>CEV</sup> – “Let the Spirit change your way of thinking and make you into a new person.”

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### 3. The wound: \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 29:25 <sup>MSG</sup> – “The fear of human opinion disables; trusting in God protects you from that.”

Fear of \_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 3:10 <sup>NIV</sup> – “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

Fear of \_\_\_\_\_.

James 5:16 <sup>TLB</sup> – “Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed.”

The Treatment: \_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 4:18 <sup>GNT</sup> – “There is no fear in love; perfect love drives out all fear. So then, love has not been made perfect in anyone who is afraid ”

1 John 4:15-17 <sup>TLB</sup> – “Anyone who believes and says that Jesus is the Son of God has God living in him, and he is living with God. We know how much God loves us because we have felt his love and because we believe him when he tells us that he loves us dearly. God is love, and anyone who lives in love is living with God and God is living in him. And as we live with Christ, our love **grows** more perfect and complete;”

### 4. The wound: \_\_\_\_\_, (\_\_\_\_\_).

Job 5:2 <sup>NLT</sup> – “Surely resentment destroys the fool, and jealousy kills the simple.”

Psalms 73:21-22 <sup>GW</sup> – “When my heart was filled with bitterness and my mind was seized with envy, I was stupid, and I did not understand. I was like a dumb animal in your presence.”

Hebrews 12:15 <sup>TLB</sup> – “Look after each other so that not one of you will fail to find God’s best blessings. Watch out that no bitterness takes root among you, for as it springs up it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives.”

The Treatment: \_\_\_\_\_.

Colossians 3:13 <sup>NLT</sup> – “Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”

Titus 3:3-7 <sup>TLB</sup> – “Once, our lives were full of resentment and envy. We hated others and they hated us. But then [Jesus] saved us—not because we were good enough to be saved but because of his kindness and love—by washing away our sins and giving us the new joy of the indwelling Holy Spirit, all because of what Jesus Christ our Savior did so that he could declare us good in God’s eyes”

Isaiah 43:18-19 <sup>GW</sup> – “Forget what happened in the past, and do not dwell on events from long ago. I am going to do something new. It is already happening. I will clear a way in the desert. I will make rivers on dry land.”

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