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"Breaking Brokenness" - Alicia R. Shipe

"If you can't release them by forgiving them, how can I begin to work within them to heal their hurts"? This is what the Lord said to me this past weekend. Some past hurts had come up over the last few weeks from my youth which I did not even realize I still had. First, the Lord started giving me dreams about them because I was so closed to the idea that I even had these feelings within me because they seemed so petty. Then, He started speaking to me in various ways which began to open my eyes to the unforgiveness I was still harboring without realizing it. This past weekend, while worshipping Him, I surrendered my every bit to Him which allowed me to fully hear Him. I was able to recognize I had unforgiveness in my heart. It took me a while during the worship to be able to release these feelings. That's when He said what I stated above.

Mark 11:25-26 - "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

I have heard before that when we don't forgive someone it is like we are holding them hostage from God's blessings. Even with that knowledge, it still seems difficult sometimes because some wounds are so deep. When the Lord Himself has to tell you something, it is very important to listen. Again, when He said "If you can't release them by forgiving them, how can I begin to work within them to heal their hurts?", this completely wrecked me. How would I feel if I was not forgiven by our Lord for the wrongs I have done in the past? I would not be where I currently

am. How would I feel if I did not understand I was doing something wrong but someone held it against me?

Please, do not misunderstand me in this. There is understanding the exact outcome of your actions but not caring about the consequences and there is not understanding how your actions will affect another because you don't know any better. However, forgiveness is an action from the wronged party regardless of which camp the person doing the wrong comes from. It is for our Father in Heaven to do the correcting, not us.

This is a process I am still walking out. My flesh desires worldly justice but my spirit wants everyone to have the opportunity to make the choice to come to the Lord and be healed from the inside out. In other words, grace and mercy.

I have released those that the Lord showed me I was still harboring unforgiveness towards and I have repented for holding them "hostage". There are others He has highlighted that I am working on (I am a work in progress). Now, not only can He work on those that I was previously unable to forgive but He can also now begin to truly work on these wounds I have had and did not even know how deep they ran.

We have the blessing of forgiveness from our Lord. What we gain from the Heavens is for us first then to share with others to bring us ALL closer into relationship to our Lord. Forgiveness is an act of love. Without love...we know the rest.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 - Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

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