



Sonfollower In-depth Studies

FALL KICK-OFF PREVIEW

Growing Godly Relationships from only God's Perspective

first thoughts...

Hello Sonfollowers. I have hoped and prayed for each of our summer's to have brought about divine strengthening and healing in Christ throughout all of our relationships. I do hope "so big in heart" knowing our God is far bigger than anything we could ever hope for, and...I urge us all to continue to pray "big" for each other's relationships knowing...there is still much ungodly broken fellowship among us today, and...we can surely never represent who Jesus Christ is if we are one choosing to remain unreconciled with one of God's own. I do love this thought...

thought - never be willing to break what you will be unwilling to fix, but...always be willing to fix what you didn't break.

I do know that some of us, in our knowing a relationship to need reconciliation, have truly tried to reach out to one only receiving unfruitful or even self-defending responses. I know it can seem so personal, but...we must always remember that another's response is only about them...never us. Only our own responses define who we truly are in Christ. Please know...in those moments when one's response, or there lack of, never seems willing to lay down whatever it is they believe to be truth which is keeping them from kneeling down beside another in such prayer over the situation...we can only offer one an open door and most prayerful knee for reconciliation. We can't make another walk through that door and kneel down beside us as one body in Christ. In fact...we should never think to be able to fix what another's truth insist on keeping broken and unreconciled. We simply need to faithfully remain one who is willing to fix anything broken in our laying down everything we might think to be truth **only** at the foot of the Cross for the sake of God's kingdom remaining one; our laying it all down being ever willing to kneel beside another in such prayer for reconciliation.

thought - It is never about what we believe to be truth which hurts God's kingdom...it is about one being unwilling to lay down what they believe to be truth which hurts God's kingdom.

Here is the awesome thing about God's truth...when we are actually in God's truth, we will so faithfully be willing to lay down His truth at the foot of the Cross, especially for the sake of God's kingdom remaining one. This very willingness evidences such divine humility within us and our living deeply rooted in God's light of the beautiful message of the Cross. We know...if it is truly God's truth we are laying down, it will only powerfully rise again in many hearts! Thus, our thinking to know God's truth should never keep us from laying it down at the foot of the Cross. We must note...only in our laying it down at the foot of the cross will we be willing to kneel beside



the one whom we are amiss with. If we lay down our truth before other men...we are simply trying to rally support in our own truth. There is no doubt...When one refuses to lay down what they believe to be truth for the sake of God's kingdom remaining one, they are sadly only evidencing their clinging way too tightly to a truth they are refusing to let go of. We might be amazed at the actual broken fellowship among us today which is only based on one's insistence to be right rather than on what God teaches to be right in His Word. We most certainly never want to be one who ever breaks fellowship with one on the basis of what we think to know rather than on what God truly does know. On this same subject... Please don't forget to read our newest segment in Sonfollower Ministries this Fall called "Splash of Water." These little splashes of living water straight from the Word of God, will nourish us to deeper rooting in the beauty of Jesus' way, truth, and life. In our sample preview we discuss broken fellowship in depth. It is so important that we do know "when and why" God does encourage broken fellowship with one, as well as...we will take a closer look at what godly initiated broken fellowship truly looks like as Jesus' own life examples. This helps us to not only protect ourselves from supporting or appeasing ungodly broken fellowship, it also helps us to more quickly spot ungodly broken fellowship in order that we might lovingly expose it for what it truly is...sin. Please take some time in sampling our Splash of Water before continuing through our preview today.

Splash of Water

But have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them... Ephesians 5: 11

THOUGHT - COMPANIONSHIP IS DANGEROUS WITH ONE WHO IS CHOOSING TO EMBRACE THE WAYS, TRUTHS, AND LIFE OF THIS WORLD RATHER THAN THEIR CHOOSING TO FOLLOW JESUS' WAYS, TRUTHS, AND LIFE. AND...WHAT IS ACTUAL "UNFRUITFUL WORKS OF DARKNESS" IS NOT A MATTER OF OUR OPINION OR JUDGEMENT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE ANOTHER'S SIN TO BE. IT IS SIMPLY ABOUT ONE LIVING A LIFE WHICH HAS CLEARLY TURNED AGAINST GOD. UNLESS ONE HAS CLEARLY TURNED AGAINST GOD CLOSING THE DOOR ON WALKING IN HIS LIGHT...WE SHOULD NEVER THINK TO HAVE GOD'S PERMISSION TO BREAK FELLOWSHIP WITH ANY ONE OF HIS OWN. THIS IS WHY MUCH INITIATED BROKEN FELLOWSHIP AMONG THE CHURCH TODAY IS SIMPLY OF DARKNESS RATHER THAN OF GOD'S LIGHT. WE CAN CLEARLY NOTE IN HOW ONE INITIATES BROKEN FELLOWSHIP WHETHER THEY ARE IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S TRUTH OR ONLY IN THE DARKNESS OF THEIR OWN. LET'S LOOK AT THESE DIFFERENCES MORE CLOSELY.

IN OUR PHRASE AT THE END OF THIS SAME VERSE, "BUT RATHER EXPOSE THEM"...WE SEE A CLEAR DIRECTION OF MISSION ONE MUST TAKE IF THEY ARE TRULY INITIATING BROKEN FELLOWSHIP UNDER GOD'S AUTHORITY RATHER THAN UNDER THEIR OWN.... HIS MISSION REQUIRES WE REMAIN AVAILABLE AND PURPOSEFUL IN THAT RELATIONSHIP IN EXPOSING THIS ONE'S CHOICES TO BE OF DARKNESS. IN FACT...WE STILL HAVE A DIVINE PURPOSE IN THAT RELATIONSHIP. THOUGH THE FELLOWSHIP MUST END. WHAT THIS WORD "EXPOSING" TRULY LOOKS LIKE IN ACTION IS REVEALED IN VERSE 14 OF THIS SAME CHAPTER...ONLY THROUGH OUR "BEING" THE LIGHT OF WHO JESUS CHRIST IS WILL WE ACCURATELY EXPOSE ONE'S CHOICES TO BE OF DARKNESS. HOW CAN WE "BE" THE LIGHT OF WHO JESUS CHRIST IS TO ONE IF WE HAVE COMPLETELY SHUT OURSELVES OFF FROM THIS ONE? THUS...WE MUST NOTE RIGHT AWAY THAT RELATIONSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP ARE TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THINGS. RELATIONSHIP, AS JESUS DEFINES IN HIS OWN LIFE, IS ABOUT OUR REACHING OUT. FELLOWSHIP, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS ABOUT OUR ALLOWING SOMEONE ELSE TO REACH IN. WE MUST ALWAYS BE ONE WHO IS JUST LIKE JESUS...ONE WHOSE WHOLE LIFE IS ABOUT "BEING" THE LIGHT OF WHO JESUS CHRIST IS TO THOSE IN DARKNESS. YET, WE MUST NEVER ALLOW ONE IN DARKNESS TO REACH INTO OUR LIFE INFLUENCING US IN ANY WAY FROM THE LIGHT AND WHO JESUS CHRIST TRULY IS.

THUS...GODLY BREAKING OF FELLOWSHIP IS NOT ABOUT ONE BEING WRONG. IT IS NOT EVEN ABOUT ONE BEING IN DARKNESS. WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT WE ARE ALL JUST AS CORRUPT AND OF UNCLEAN LIPS AS ANY OTHER. WE ALL FALL INTO DARKNESS. JUST ASK ISAIAH, DAVID, ABRAHAM, SARAH, PAUL, PETER! GODLY BREAKING OF FELLOWSHIP IS ONLY AUTHORIZED BY GOD WHEN ONE REFUSES TO LEAVE THEIR DARKNESS; WHEN ONE CHOOSES RATHER TO REMAIN IN THEIR DARKNESS AS A WAY OF LIFE. SO...PLEASE BE VERY CAREFUL IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS MOST DELICATE SUBJECT OF BROKEN FELLOWSHIP AMONG THE CHURCH TODAY. THERE ARE MANY AMONG US WHO SADLY ABUSE ITS DIVINE INTENTION IN THEIR OWN DARKNESS. WE MUST NEVER FORGET...GODLY BREAKING OF FELLOWSHIP WILL NEVER LOOK LIKE ONE COMPLETELY ENDING THE RELATIONSHIP. IT WILL NEVER LOOK LIKE ONE REFUSING TO REACH OUT OR BE AVAILABLE TO ANY ONE WHOM THEY BELIEVE TO BE IN DARKNESS. THESE ARE THE WAYS, TRUTHS, AND LIFE OF ONLY THE DEVIL HAVING HIS WAY AMONG US. WHEN WE SEE THESE TYPES OF REACTIONS WHICH SO HORRIBLY BLASPHEME WHO JESUS CHRIST TRULY IS TO ANY ONE OF US IN OUR OWN WORST OF DARKNESS...WE ARE SADLY ONLY SEEING ONE GRIPPING A WAY, TRUTH, AND LIFE WHICH WILL ONLY KEEP THEM FROM THE VERY TRUTH THEY NEED. IRONICALLY...IT IS THESE VERY REACTIONS WHICH NEED TO BE EXPOSED AS THE VERY UNFRUITFUL WORKS OF DARKNESS OF WHICH WE MUST NEVER BE IN FELLOWSHIP WITH, THOUGH...WE MUST ALWAYS REMAIN ONE WHO IS EVER AVAILABLE IN "BEING" TO ANY ONE IN THEIR DARKNESS THE VERY LIGHT OF WHO JESUS CHRIST TRULY IS SO HOPING THAT THEY WILL SOON RETURN TO HIS LIGHT AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS OWN.



journal - journal your thoughts on breaking fellowship with one from the view point of who you know yourself to be in God's light. Why is it so important that we remain one who reaches out to one in darkness, yet never one who allows darkness to reach in?...

Now...not going too far off of our subject, this is where I show great excitement in where this ministry is moving this Fall.

fall preview for Sonfollower Ministries...

If we haven't noticed already, our exhausting our first three beatitudes has in no doubt so faithfully and so purposefully led us back to our examining all of our relationships in the light of only Jesus' way, truth, and life. We have been diligently encouraged to examine our relationship with God and our examining our relationships with each other. In doing so, some of us have truly grown so much closer together in godly ways in our obedience, and...I feel such joy in my heart for these among us who are experiencing such needed healing in their relationships. This is what this ministry is all about...God being glorified in and through our commitment to living out His undiluted ways, truths, and life...our being a body of women who are beautifully going, loving, and covering one another without hesitancy just as Jesus has exampled to us as being His righteousness. We must note...Divine humility, mourning, and meekness, as only Jesus defines these, is key to our truly being willing to "go" to one another in each other's worst of sin in our desire to be no less of a friend to one another than who Jesus is to us in our own worst of sin, and...I so do not want us to lose this focus of genuine godly relationships within this ministry. In fact...I sense so strongly in this ministry, our need to more purposefully remain focused on this element especially...*Our Growing up Godly Relationships from only God's Perspective*. How do we do that?...Well, it most certainly isn't going to be rocket science. We are simply going to study each verse in God's Word emphasizing there to be a divine relationship touching us with His every Word...Jesus' very life to be exact. God's Word is not just words...God's Word is the very life of Jesus Christ we must be in constant relationship with! As each verse roots us deeper in Jesus Christ...godliness and godly relationships will unconsciously bloom. There is no doubt...how we receive each verse does effect our relationship with God and with each other. This verse in our "splash of water" is a prime example of this...Broken fellowship is very much a biblical truth and is a divine necessity in some cases, yet...when we do not receive its truth from only God's perspective; when we do not initiate broken fellowship only in strict adherence to God's "when and why"...we will only end up being the one in darkness refusing to lay down our truth for the sake of God's kingdom remaining one. When God's truth is received rightly...one fruitfully supports the oneness of God's kingdom whatever the cost. When one receives God's truth wrongly...one unfruitfully supports their own truth at the cost of God's kingdom remaining one. This ministry is about our choosing to be fruitfully rooted only in God's light, His perspective, His truth, His desires so that we can fruitfully bloom in the most beautiful ways, truths, and life of only Jesus Christ.

final thoughts...

It truly is not so difficult to grow up genuine godly relationships within God's church if we are looking at it from only one perspective...God's. It only gets complicated and messy when we all



think to know and want to have a say. God's Word must have the only say! This is why I am so excited to continue with our Beatitude Series this Fall having this very question ringing through our heart...What truly is godly relationship from only God's perspective, and...how can this ministry divinely grow up a garden of beautiful Sonfollowers who are an eye-stopping vision of what truly is godly relationship from only God's perspective? Only relationships rooted in God's perspective of godly relationship will be godly, so...whatever verse we happen to be studying, how important it is that we glean out of that verse only God's perspective and the fullness of His beautiful intent for our lives and our every relationship. I will tell you one thing that I do know...godly relationship will never be about us. It is about God being Glorified in and through us! I am so looking forward to this more "focused" element of Sonfollower ministries, and...I do continue to pray "big" for each and every one of our relationships as our study continues this Fall. I pray that we will always be one who is willing to faithfully remain our knees before God and beside each other truly hungering and thirsting only after God's righteousness...never our own. Only from such a lowest rooted humility within us will spring forth a beautiful garden of Sonfollowers...

Lesson 6 is coming soon...*hungering and thirsting after righteousness.*

Keep watch!