Giving Friendship as a Gift

Giving and Receiving

- Part G
  - We are prone to bestow friendship unequally, where it benefits or pleases us
- Part H
  - But being a friend to the friendless comes with promises of rich reward

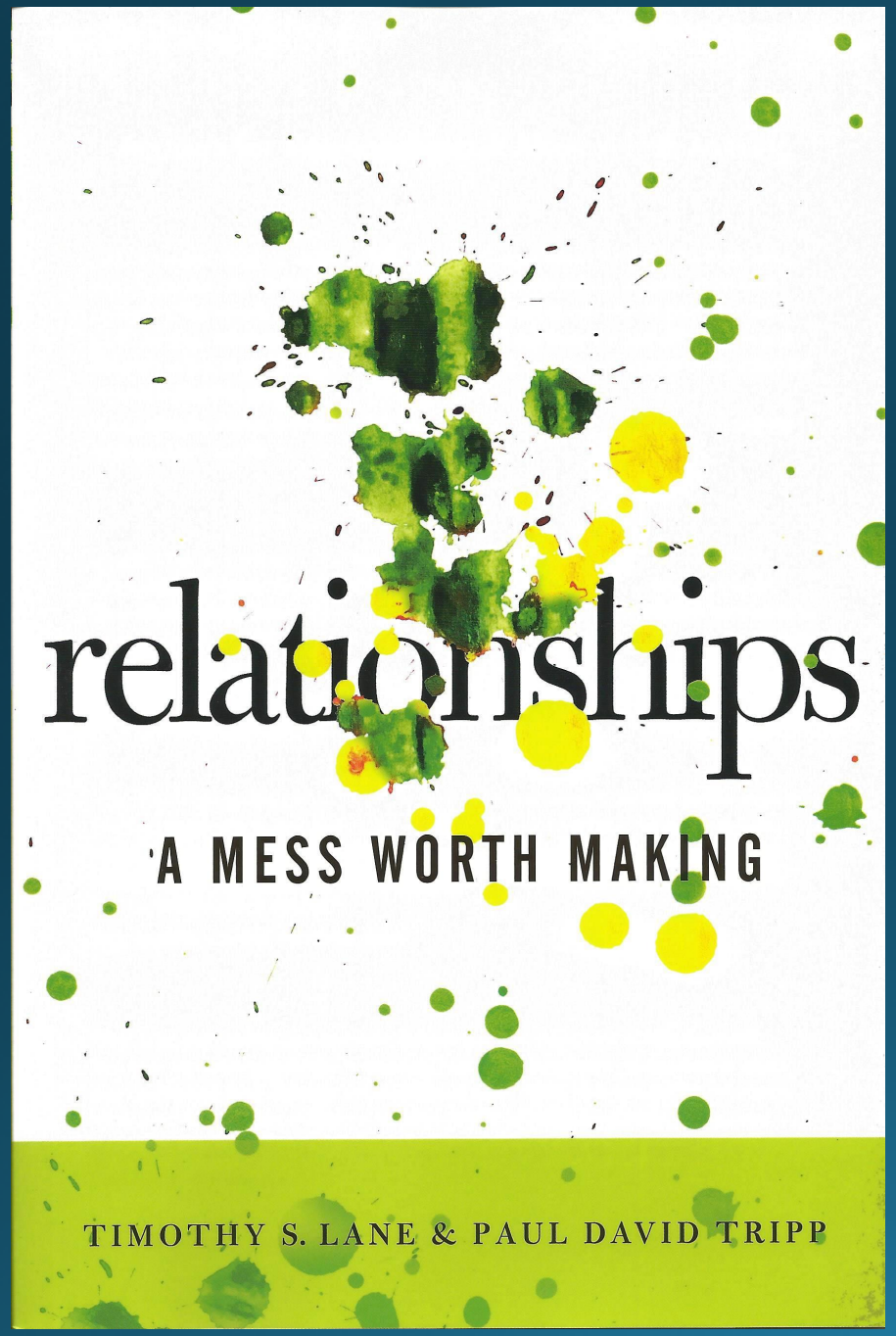
Strife and Harmony

Towards peace and reconciliation…

- Part I
  - Proverbs 6:16,19 – God hates strife
  - Proverbs 10:12
  - Proverbs 20:3
- Part J
  - Proverbs 25:21-22
  - Proverbs 16:7 – We are called to harmony

Topic 2

Practicing Reconciliation



Relationships: A Mess Worth Making

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Wrong Approaches, Part 1

- Pretending to ignore an offense actually makes the relationship worse.
- Going through forgiveness and reconciliation makes the relationship more mature.

Wrong Approaches, Part 2

"Repentance"

- "I'm sorry you got so upset when I told you to leave me alone."
- "I'm sorry I stormed off like that. But the way you treated Alex was inexcusable, and I had to get away."

But what if both parties have sinned?

1. Forgive the other person's sin before you begin interacting with them, regardless of whether they have asked you to do so.
2. Repent of your own sin, with sincerity, not naming the other person's sin.
3. Hope to receive forgiveness at this point, and possibly repentance in return for the other person's sin.
4. If necessary, and if you can do it without malice (recalling step 1), point out the other person's sin gently.

Wrong Approaches, Part 3

- “I’m sorry.”

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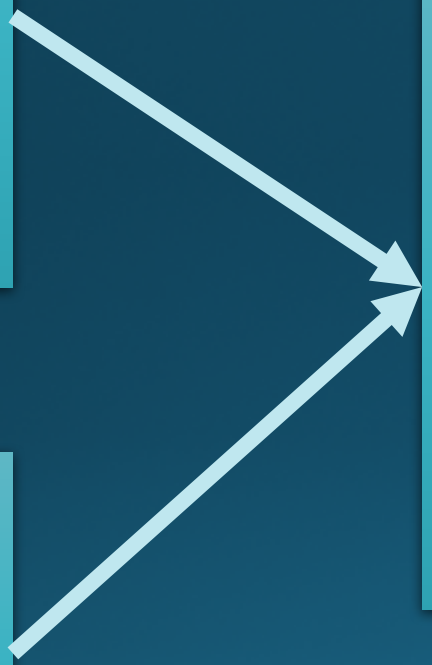
Wrong Approaches, Part 5

I forgive you, but I dwell on your sin thereafter.

Later, you sin against me again.



Now I have the combination of two sins to forgive, which is harder.

“Forgiveness Is Costly, But Not Forgiving Is More Costly…

This is where we must let the truth override our feelings since it often feels good to hold onto an offense.”

Process of Repentance and Forgiveness

- Apologize
- Name the sin
- State that it was wrong
- Do not make excuses
- Ask for forgiveness

- Grant forgiveness, which is a canceled debt
- Do not use the offense as leverage later
- Do not slander the offender about the sin
- Do not dwell on the offense

Remaining Weeks

- work relationships, horizontal and vertical
- romantic relationships (possibly two weeks)
- loving your children
- loving your parents