

Family Restoration

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Forgiveness, and our personal sacrifice for others.

In this Third Part, I want to take us deeper INTO OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN this Christian Business of Forgiveness:

The Third "root" of forgiveness is "slh" is used of GOD'S Forgiveness, and is connected with Sacrifices repeatedly.

ALL FORGIVENESS COSTS SOMEONE SOMEWHERE, SOMETHING!

Now it is deep in the fallen human nature, to be irresponsible here, and Not want to be the one to forgive someone who has sinned against us.

Perhaps Simon the Cyrene, was the First to be called to JESUS SIDE, to share some of the weight of sin's heavy burden. Think about Simon for a minute, a visitor to Jerusalem, suddenly singled out by Roman Soldiers to carry another man's Cross to His Crucifixion. Do you think Simon might have straightly told the Roman, 'I have no responsibility for the weight this man is carrying!' or "I'm not sharing in the consequences of this man's own choices in life" But, no, he will-

ingly bore up and carried the burden upon his own shoulders! Teaching all the rest of us among humankind to bear one another's burdens, and by doing so, we will be fulfilling the love law of JESUS Christ.



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Mt 18:14 Just so it is not the will of your Father in Heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. "If your brother acts wrongly towards you, go and point out his fault to him when only you and he are there. If he listens to you, you

have gained your brother. But if he will not listen to you, go again, and ask one or two to go with you, that every word spoken may be attested by two or three witnesses.

At this point Peter came to Him with the question, "Master, how often shall my brother act wrongly towards me and I forgive him? seven times?" "I do not say seven times," answered JESUS, "but seventy times seven times.

