

Confronting Your Past Offenses

Genesis 32:22-32

Dysfunctional Families

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The road to reconciliation requires that you:

1. Honestly confront **your past** (32:1-8)
 - a. We try to **deny** our past sins.
 - b. We try to **minimize** the event or even joke about it.
 - c. We try to **shift blame** for our actions. None of this leads to reconciliation.
2. Honestly **confess** your sin to God. (v.9-12)
 - a. All sin is primarily **against God**.
 - b. We are unworthy of **God's mercy**
 - c. We do not merit **God's blessings**.
 - d. We do not deserve **God's promises**. V.12
3. Wholly **depend** on God (32:22-32).
4. Humble yourself before **your rival**. (33:1-16).
 - a. Make a gesture of **goodwill**.
 - b. Take the position of a **servant**.

Summary points to ponder:

- God uses difficult relationships to **mold** us.
- We must be **reconciled to God** before we can be reconciled to others.
- The more **complete** our reconciliation to God the more **fully** we can be reconciled to others.
- Sometimes God has to **disable** us to make us trust him!

Have you received the mercy of God as one who is unworthy?

Have you reached a milestone with God like Bethel or Peniel? Did it result in reconciliation?