

## THE PUZZLE OF RELATIONSHIPS

### Piece #3 Relinquish Your Past

2 Corinthians 5:15 He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

16 So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now!

17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

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Job 5:2 Surely resentment destroys the fool, and jealousy kills the simple.

Philippians 3:12 I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,

14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

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\_\_\_\_\_ What Cannot Be Changed

Ecclesiastes 5:19 And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God.

20 God keeps such people so busy enjoying life that they take no time to brood over the past.

\_\_\_\_\_ God To Bring Healing

Titus 3:4 But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love,  
5 he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but  
because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and  
new life through the Holy Spirit.

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#### What You Have

Philippians 4:11 Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be  
content with whatever I have.

12 I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned  
the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or  
empty, with plenty or little.

13 For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

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#### The Way I Think

Romans 12:2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let  
God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then  
you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and  
perfect.

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#### To The Truth

John 8:31 Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my  
disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings.

Ephesians 4:21 Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the  
truth that comes from him,

22 throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is  
corrupted by lust and deception.

23 Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.

24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and  
holy.

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#### Pay The Price

2 Corinthians 10:3 We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do.

4 We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the  
strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.

1 Corinthians 13:11 When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child.  
But when I grew up, I put away childish things.