



I. WHY?: Feuds start because of an _____.

A brother wronged is more unyielding than a fortified city; disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel. Proverbs 18:19

⁴¹ Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob." Genesis 27:41

When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. Genesis 37:4

II. HOW?: Feuds heal by the power of _____.

¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. II Corinthians 5:18-19

- Because we have been _____ with God through Christ – we are called to _____ with each other and help others find **reconciliation** with God.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13

III. WHEN?: The time to heal the relationship is _____.

*²³ Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and **be reconciled to them**; then come and offer your gift.*

Matthew 5:23-24

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. Matthew 18:15

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Romans 12:18

But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept.

Genesis 33:4

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Genesis 50:19-20

Next Steps for November 15:

- ☐ Write that letter, make that call, buy that gift, reconcile with _____.
- ☐ Sign up with your family to help with Serving Irving 2015.
- ☐ Join a Sunday morning Bible Fellowship and attend a HomeGroup tonight.
- ☐ Bring a friend or family member next Sunday for week four of "familymatters."