

## **Day 9, January 17: Restore Relationships**

*“God shapes the world by prayer. Prayers are deathless. The lips that uttered them may be closed to death, the heart that felt them may have ceased to beat, but the prayers live before God, and God's heart is set on them and prayers outlive the lives of those who uttered them; they outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world.” - E.M. Bounds*

### **Scripture:**

**Genesis 17:7:** *I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.*

**Romans 3:23:** *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

**Galatians 5:16:** *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.*

### **Reflections**

Today as you continue in this fast and prayer ask the Holy Spirit to help you restore any of your relationships that you know ended in an abrupt way. You may not be angry or hold any ill feeling towards the person but maybe you feel as if they are upset with you or you are upset with them. Sometimes the enemy blinds us into thinking that someone is angry at us or you have done something wrong to them. Walk in boldness today and with help of the Holy Spirit go to that person and say, “Can we talk?” Don’t be tricked by your own thoughts, the situation may not be what you think. How many people do you know that are not communicating with distant loved ones just because they think that the other person is mad at them when in fact, it’s not that way at all? Maybe they are waiting on you to make the first move.

### **Prayer**

Father, today I ask you to help me take all of my thoughts captive to the obedience of Jesus Christ. Help me, Lord, to see all people the way you see them. Help me to be a person of reconciliation, restoring all that may have been lost in the relationships with others you have place in my life. I ask You, Father, to restore a good relationship between me and all of my family, friends, co-workers, and others. Remind me of Romans 5:16; for all have sinned and fallen short of your Glory. Give me a forgiving heart and a receptive heart to receive forgiveness and give forgiveness. In Jesus Mighty Name, Amen!