

hArticle 06 – For Siblings

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Healing the Distance

Sometimes the greatest pain isn't loud but quiet. It's in the long silences between messages. The missed birthdays. The polite small talk that used to be belly laughs. It's in the drift that no one planned but everyone feels. It's in sudden rudeness and the scoffs and jabs that echo—things siblings don't complain about but mull over for days and months after. And yes, these snowball into tension and quiet strife that never seems to abate.

Distance between siblings can come from many places: offense, seasons of life, misunderstandings, or simply growing apart. But no matter the cause, one truth remains: God is still invested in your bond.

He does not forget relationships just because we do. He does not abandon hope where we have given up. The Father who reconciled heaven and earth through the blood of Jesus can reconcile brother to brother, sister to sister.

Maybe the chasm feels too wide. Maybe it's been too long. But healing begins with one step. That step may be:

- A humble message that says, "I miss you."
- An honest prayer asking God to heal what you can't fix.
- A willingness to remember who they were before the offense.
- A choice to stop rehearsing pain and start building bridges.

You don't need to solve everything in one day. Restoration is a process. But God honors the heart that is willing to try. And the moment you involve Him in that process, the impossible becomes possible. Romans 12:18 says, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." That includes the sibling who hurt you. The one who ignored you. The one you stopped understanding.

Let your heart soften again. Let the Spirit speak where your words can't. Let God reintroduce you to your sibling—not through memory, but through mercy.

Healing the distance doesn't mean pretending the past never happened. It means believing God's grace is stronger than your history. It means seeing the same sibling with new eyes, through the lens of the cross, and saying, "You are worth the effort."

Don't let time rob you of what God still wants to redeem. There is treasure buried beneath the silence. Go find it.

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