

# The Local Church, a Place for Healing the Wounded Spirit

Scriptures: Luke 17:1-6; 2 Samuel 16 & 17

A person's spirit will sustain him in sickness; but a wounded spirit who can bear it?  
Proverbs 18:14

## Where Do Wounds Come From?

- From those who \_\_\_\_\_ against us
- From our \_\_\_\_\_ sins and failures
- From \_\_\_\_\_ incidents
- From \_\_\_\_\_ responses to people

*Just because we're hurt does not prove someone has wronged us*

## Why is this such an important issue?

- Because wounded soldiers cannot go into \_\_\_\_\_
- Because bitterness is long-held unforgiveness about a wound we received, and unforgiveness \_\_\_\_\_ prayer (Luke 11:4)
- Because hurting people \_\_\_\_\_ other people. (Heb. 12:15)

## God's attitude toward an offence Luke 17:1-6)

- We \_\_\_\_\_ will face some offences in life. (vs.1)
- But \_\_\_\_\_ to the person who offends a "little one" (vs. 2)
- The person offending a little one needs to be \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 3)
- Such \_\_\_\_\_ behavior calls for drastic action (vs.2)

## Offenses from church people (Luke 17:3, 4)

- C \_\_\_\_\_ him/her
- When they \_\_\_\_\_, forgive them
- If it happens seven times in one day and they say, "I repent," \_\_\_\_\_ them

## How do you pray for the healing of wounds? (Luke 17:6, 7)

- Start with a \_\_\_\_\_ of faith like a grain of mustard see (vs. 6)
- Speak to the mulberry tree with its massive \_\_\_\_\_ system and remove it
- Uprooting a wound will "\_\_\_\_\_ to heal"
- Keep speaking the truth of who you are in Christ – God will bring the healing

## The words of Jesus to the wounded

- "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Ps.147:3)
- "By His wounds we are healed." (Is. 53:5)
- "He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted and set the oppressed free."

## Invite Jesus to minister to your wounds

- "A bruised reed He will not break"
- "A flickering wick He will not snuff out." (Matt. 12:20)