



Can You Relate? Week 5

Breaking Through "Never Again" **Filled Sermon Notes**

In any good, close, long-term relationship, pain is almost always inevitable.

Genesis 45:4-10 (ESV)

Joseph perceived his past hardships through redemptive eyes.

We can start having real, life-giving relationships again by forgiving those who have hurt us in the past and loving others enough to give them our trust.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

The pain of the cross is worth getting to be with you forever!

How do we break through this barrier of "Never Again:"

- Accept God's pain-enduring love for you.
- Identify past hurts you may be hanging onto.
- Ask God to help you forgive and let go of past hurts.
- Confess to someone when you feel like bailing.
- Ask God to help you see your circumstances and your relationships through HIS redemptive eyes.