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Honour and shame culture of victimhood – we are *“individuals needing protection from society and from various groups with power who oppress us”*

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You, LORD, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call on you!
Ps 86:5 (NIV)



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



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Finally brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.
2 Cor 13:11 (NIV)

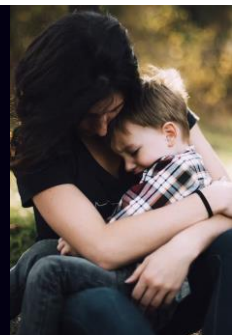
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Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
Eph 4:32 (NIV)

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As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

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⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1-6 (NIV)




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while recognising that mercy is undeserved.




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An action to show mercy –
whether or not the person responds with repentance

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use it against the person
I will not talk to others about it
I will not allow this incident to
stand between us and hinder our
relationship

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Our driving motive is to bring the
relational peace we know through
reconciling to God to each other
and to all people, that his kingdom
might come.



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How can you contribute to relational peace on earth?

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