

## *Breaking the Walls Between Us*

**WALLS are unhealthy m\_\_\_\_\_ , conclusions, assumptions and attitudes that get c\_\_\_\_\_ into our living that prevent us from experiencing l\_\_\_\_\_ as God intended.**

**As we come to God by faith and S\_\_\_\_\_ our WALLS, R\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, His truth and promises concerning our WALLS and A\_\_\_\_\_ accordingly....the WALLS come down!**

*2 Corinthians 10<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. <sup>5</sup>We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,*

**WALLS not only separate us from God and His Life for us but also from “e\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_\_” and the Kingdom work He wants us to face together.**

**WALLS of P\_\_\_\_\_ : We focus on self and build this WALL with bricks of a\_\_\_\_\_, k\_\_\_\_\_-ness, judgementalism, c\_\_\_\_\_, g\_\_\_\_\_ with an incessant need to be r\_\_\_\_\_! For the proud, identity and worth come from comparison and contrast with others instead of the gracious gift of “highly valued s\_\_\_\_\_” before God.**

**WALLS of P\_\_\_\_\_ : We tend we think we know everything about a group of people just by one or two l\_\_\_\_\_!**

**WALLS of P\_\_\_\_\_ : We get caught up in the goal of maintaining what has already been accomplished at the expense of exploring all that God has in store!**

**We may find ourselves actually “trapped behind” these Walls h\_\_\_\_\_, throwing grenades of \_\_\_\_\_ while living lives of relative a\_\_\_\_\_ towards the greatest priorities of Life!**

*Ephesians 2<sup>11</sup> Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)—<sup>12</sup> remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

*<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.*

*Ephesians 4<sup>1</sup> As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

*Philippians 2<sup>1</sup> Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. <sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

**The H\_\_\_\_\_ of faith sets us free ...giving us an amazing capacity for truth, love and Life!**

*Dear Lord Jesus,*

*I SURRENDER myself (including my WALLS) and my agenda for this day in my life to You!*

*I RECEIVE You, Your agenda, Your promises and Your resources for me to follow You this day!*

*And now I will ACT like it in faith-filled obedience! Amen*