

GOING FOR GOLD

6. How To Recover When You're Injured: Surviving Friendly-Fire

*"Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.
'Make level paths for your feet,' so that the lame may not be
disabled, but rather healed."* Hebrews 12:12-13 (NIV)

WE ARE ALL VICTIMS OF _____ .

Genesis 50:15-21 (NIV):

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. ¹⁸His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

RECOVERING FROM FRIENDLY-FIRE WOUNDS:

1. _____ MUST GUIDE OUR HEARTS

2. _____ MUST BELONG TO GOD

3. _____ MUST BE OUR CHOICE

Matthew 5:21-25 (NIV):

²¹"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²²But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment... ²³"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. ²⁵"Settle matters quickly...

Next Week:

NEW SERIES

1. HEALTHY BREATHING: HEALTHY LIFE