

BAD BLOOD

The Empathy Lens

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Scripture: Romans 12:18

Big Idea: You can have peace **about** the relationship without peace **in** the relationship.

Introduction

Why this series?

1. We are constantly bombarded with situations that want to introduce bad blood into even healthy relationships. **Bad blood** can infect *any* relationship.
 - What do I mean by bad blood? Any relationship that's hard. From the co-worker that you avoid because she annoys you to the family member you haven't spoken to in months and don't care to—and you're even thinking about how to avoid him/her over the upcoming holidays.
 - *All of us have it and none of us want it and no relationship is immune from it.*
2. Vulnerable moment. This is for real. This isn't abstract. This hits home for me. *[Clay share a personal story about his sister.]*
3. **All** relationships have moments when they have to be **guided back** to a good place.
 - The quality of our **lives** is only as good as the quality of our **relationships**.
 - This isn't just for people who have broken relationships. This is for every one of us, even those with great relationships.
 - Why? Because *bad blood* is always right around the corner.

I. Tension

- A. Lack of peace about any relationship will ultimately rob you of peace in your own life.
- B. Peace in relationships is possible.
- C. *Happiness comes from peace with God, peace with myself, and **peace with others.***

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