



Lewiston Church of Christ

September 2, 2018

“Get Over It!”

Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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I would never say the words above to someone in crisis or to a victim of severe abuse. Yet, it is exactly what I want for them.

The phrase, “get over it” can be like telling a man with two broken legs to get up and run a race. It hurts more than it helps. Still, the last thing we want for a hurt or broken person is for them to stay hurt and broken. We seek healing and restoration.

The depth of meaning Christians see in words like grace, forgiveness, renewal, and redemption is found in the process by which God helps us to “get over” the horrible hardships that temporarily beset us. But this process requires much preparation, diligence, gentleness, and patience.

My mother and I have a friend named Vera for whom our church has been praying. She suffered a horrible violation in her home and a few days later, was badly injured in a car accident. After many weeks in the hospital, she is now recovering in rehab center. Getting over her serious hurts and hardships is exactly what she is doing, not because someone told her to “get over it” but because of the grace, forgiveness, and strength of God that she has cherished throughout her life of faith. At age 91, those long-standing qualities are kicking in as she holds God’s healing hand. Her church is surrounding her with love and her attitude is awesome!

The best time to tell people to “get over it” is long before they are under “it”! As followers of Jesus, we wholeheartedly embrace His healing work of forgiveness, redemption, and grace even before we fully realize how badly we need them. Living on faith prepares us for whatever crisis or injustice lies ahead. And when it comes, we won’t need to be glibly told to “get over it.” A graceful message of hope already lives in our hearts to gently guide us toward recovery and renewal. Resentment and despair cannot take root in a truly Christian heart.

Joel Solliday

