

*Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.*

*Proverbs 17:9*



Guilty as charged. Have you ever brought up a past offense during an argument with your spouse? We are hurt and because the wound hasn't healed, we keep score and keep bringing it up. Aren't you glad God doesn't do that with us? Micah 7:19 says "He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into

the depths of the sea." If you have ever seen those documentaries about the ocean, you know how dark it is way down there. There are even fish called bioluminescent fish that *must* create their own light! I could easily say those fish can be associates of Satan himself who is the accuser of our souls; always looking for and bringing up what God has already forgiven us for. I wonder if this week, we could be more like God. His description of how far he separates our wrongdoings from himself and us is so drastic! What a kindness we would be doing to our husband or wife to do the same and ask forgiveness for bringing up past hurts. I read a devotional once that said, "Don't freeze frame people in their worst moments." Let's show "chesed" pronounced /Heh-said/: Loving-kindness, mercy, to our spouses this week (and always.) As we read, in our first marriage ministry devotional, to love our spouse is to love ourselves. To read more about a chesed kind of love read the book of Ruth together.