



SERMON NOTES

Week 4 May 14, 2023

“The Posture of Reconciliation”

Romans 12:18; John 3:17;

2 Corinthians 5:18–20; Matthew 5:23–24



I. Introduction / Review

- A. There are several reasons we don't make any progress in our attempts to _____ our broken relationships.
 - a. Repairing a broken relationship requires humility and humility does not come naturally.
 - b. Repairing a broken relationship is a learned skill.
- B. _____ need to teach their children how to repair broken relationships.
- C. The goal of fixing a broken relationship is not reconciliation, the goal is no _____.
- D. Reconciliation begins with _____ regardless of who initiated the fuss.
- E. Decision #1 - I will get back _____; I will not get back at.
- F. Decision #2 – I will _____ my slice of the blame pie.

II. Decisions #3 and #4

- A. Decision #3 - I will make the _____ move regardless of who moved away first.
 - a. Humanly speaking, we make the first move because we are the most mature person in the relationship.
 - b. Jesus followers make the first move because Jesus commanded us to. (Matthew 5:23-24)
- B. God reconciled us to Himself, we have the _____ to do everything we can to reconcile others to ourselves.
- C. Decision #4 - I will keep the _____ open and the welcome mat out.

III. Reconciling with God

- A. A broken relationship can be the catalyst for a broken _____.
- B. The Apostle Paul tells us “We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to _____.”

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

Repairing a broken or strained or disrupted relationship is difficult. It is difficult because repairing a broken relationship requires humility - which does not come naturally; and fixing a broken relationship is a learned skill that many of us were never taught. Although it's not easy, Jesus followers are called to make that first move toward reconciliation. So what should we do?

Monday: 1 Samuel 18:1-4

One of the great friendships in the Bible was between David and King Saul's son, Jonathan. Their friendship faced unbelievable obstacles when King Saul wanted to kill David. Their friendship is a wonderful example for all of us. If you surveyed all the relationships you have, are you typically the more mature or less mature person? Would the "other" person in all those relationships agree with your answer?

Tuesday: Matthew 5:23-24

This passage of scripture is referring to the ancient tradition of bringing a voluntary, above-and beyond offering to the temple altar. What stands out to you and why? Why would it be important to be reconciled to another person before offering your gift to God?

Wednesday: Romans 12:9-21

The Apostle Paul reminds us that we are to live at peace with everyone (v.18). Is there anyone you feel the need to reconcile with? What is really keeping you from making the first move toward reconciliation?

Thursday: Colossians 3:12-17

In this letter, the apostle Paul tells us how to treat one another. If we are Jesus followers, we need to do all we can to pave the way for reconciliation. Which of these four decisions do you need to make?

- 1) I will get back to, not get back at.
- 2) I will own my slice of the blame pie.
- 3) I will make the first move regardless of who moved away first.
- 4) I will keep the door open and the welcome mat out.

What makes you choose that decision?

Friday: Romans 5:10-11, 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Would you say you're reconciled to God? What makes you think that? How has God made reconciliation possible?

MOVING FORWARD

There are four decisions we must make if we are going to have no regrets in our attempt to pave the way toward reconciliation:

- 1) I will get back to, not get back at.
- 2) I will own my slice of the blame pie.
- 3) I will make the first move regardless of who moved away first.
- 4) I will keep the door open and the welcome mat out.

*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) reconcile, B) Parents, C) regrets, D) us, E) to, F) own.
IIA) first, B) responsibility, C) door. IIIA) faith, B) God.*