

Deeper Study Guide

Series: Family Matters

Study 7: Conflict Reconciliation in Christ

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5.18-19

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Objective: to know how to handle conflicts in a Christ-centered relationship through the ministry of reconciliation.

Study 7: Conflict Resolution in Christ

1. What does God say about reconciliation? (**Information**)

Source of reconciliation – v18. ‘All things are of God’

- _____ of reconciliation – ‘who reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ’
- _____ of reconciliation – ‘and has given us the **ministry** of reconciliation.’ *God entrust us with the responsibility of helping others experience repentance, forgiveness, and faith in Christ that pursues reconciliation with God.*
- _____ of reconciliation – v19 that is God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and committed to us the word of reconciliation. We share what God has done: God was in Christ not imputing their trespasses to them and made forgiveness and restored relationship possible.

Summary: *Scripture is saying*, God is the source of reconciliation. The **means** He used to accomplish reconciliation is Jesus Christ. The **ministry** of reconciliation has been entrusted to us, and we are called to share the **message** of reconciliation with the world.

2. What does the Scripture reveal? (**Revelation**)

About God

- God desires reconciliation, not separation
- _____
- _____

About Me

- I have been reconciled to God through Christ.
- _____
- _____

3. How does this Scripture change my thinking? (**Meditation**)

- **Old Thought:** I see people through their faults, failures, and offenses.

- **New Thought:** _____

Old thought: Their offense defines the relationship.

New thought: _____

Old thought: I can't forgive them.

New thought: _____

4. What does it look like? (**Transformation**)

My behavior:

- I am less offended and more forgiving

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To Others:

- You become a visible expression of God's reconciling work.

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Process of Reconciliation:

- **Release** forgiveness – an individual decision that you decide to forgive an offense by forgetting it, never bringing back to charge them with it again.
- **Reconcile** the relationship – a mutual decision that takes *both people* to decide to restore the relationship.
- **Rebuild** the relationship – the process of restoring what was broken (trust, intimacy, respect, roles of responsibility, etc.) to become a healthier, growing relationship through a new relational identity that leaves the past behind and begin new.

Key: You seek clear communication – 'You said... I hear you say.'

Testimony: Reconciliation reminds the demonic forces that what Christ has reconciled, their schemes cannot ultimately destroy. Christ's work is greater than every plan to separate people from God and divide them from one another.

Important: Conflict caused by the gospel: Matthew 10.24 (NKJV)

The goal isn't: You must reconcile with them at all costs or compromise the truth of God's Word. Rather, you will do everything God has given you to do to pursue reconciliation through the ministry of reconciliation, while maintaining godly boundaries, remaining faithful to God's Word, and trust the outcome to Him.

'Never compromise God's Word for the sake of reconciling with someone who expects you to affirm or endorse their sin to be reconciled. True reconciliation requires us to walk in both the love of God and the truth of God because they work together.'

Takeaway: The ministry and message of reconciliation are putting Christ's forgiveness into practice by extending grace, pursuing peace, speaking truth in love, taking responsibility for my part and seeking to restore broken relationships whenever possible, between sinners and God and with one another so that God may be glorified.