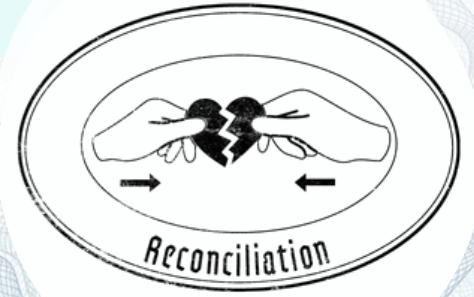


LIFE IN THE KINGDOM

18. RECONCILIATION

The meaning of reconciliation is to return to a friendship, overcome enmity, to restore agreement and harmony, and to unite the people who were in disagreement or conflict. It is also to reconcile all the parties involved.

The culture of the Kingdom is one of reconciliation. That is why Jesus came to Earth; to reconcile all things, spouses, parents with children, bosses with employees and everything else that is on Earth with that in heaven.



Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4 NLT

We have already spoken about the enemy's plan to divide, separate and put enmity between us so that he can reign in this world. He has confused and filled the minds of God's children with lies. The way to defeat our enemy and destroy the works of his kingdom of darkness is to bring the light of Christ's truth and reconcile the world to God, to themselves and to their neighbours.

And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 NLT



The duty of each of us is to reconcile. This is the ministry He has assigned to us; not just to some people, not just to pastors or leaders but to everyone. What is our role when we know of a problem between two people? Do we become judges trying to find the guilty? Do we take a stand with who we believe is right? Are we adding fuel to the fire with our comments? Or do we desperately seek reconciliation by leading people to forgive regardless of who is at fault and regardless of who is right? Are we God's instruments to bring light in the midst of darkness? Are we weapons to destroy and disarm any spirit of accusation that is operating in the minds of those affected?

That is our main function. That is the ministry that has been assigned to us and it works everywhere; in the family, with work or sports colleagues, with neighbours and especially with our church brothers. It is vital to understand this call because it is in our natural family and in our spiritual family where the enemy concentrates his attacks. This is because he knows that the secret to defeating us is to divide us and avoid reconciliation.

...“Any kingdom that fights against itself is reduced to ruins. And any family or community splintered by strife will fall apart.”

Matthew 12:25 TPT

That is why the Father promised all resources for those who put the Kingdom of Heaven as a priority in their lives. He has provided all the material and spiritual resources for His Church to manifest its justice and for his Kingdom to prevail.

Reconciling the world with God is the highest purpose for which to live; Let's do it one family at a time.

Study Questions:

1. Do you consider yourself to be a person who constantly exercises the ministry of reconciliation?
2. What broken relationship is there in your life where you know you need to open a door to reconciliation?
3. As you analyze your daily life: do you believe that you are an agent of reconciliation in the place, (territory), that the Father has assigned to you? Why?

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