

“Re-conciliation”

Restoring Peace With God, Restoring Peace In Community

Matt. 5:23-25; 2 Cor. 5:18-19; Romans 5:1-11

If we lived in a consistently harmonious world, love would reign supreme. But in this fallen world we often find ourselves at a distance from God and from one another. In these situations we need the _____ -- the reminder that God reconciled us to himself in Jesus. This means conflict is an opportunity to _____ 1) Glorify God, 2) Serve others, and 3) Grow to be like Christ. Stand under your peace with God, and pursue confession and forgiveness with your neighbor!

I. When _____ leads to peace: a simple _____.

1. Slowly Justin began to come to _____.
2. The mother's _____ went _____ to her son.
3. Justin had rehearsed what _____.
4. I want to be _____ & _____ as before. Will you _____ me?
5. Mother and father moved to _____ Justin and _____ him.

II. When _____ latches onto a Message: a simple _____. (v 10-11)

1. We were reconciled _____ at the _____.
2. We are reconciled _____ at our _____.
3. We are reconciled _____ as we “preach the Gospel to ourselves every day!”

III. When _____ labors in relationships: a simple _____. (v11)

1. Adopt the framework: creation, fall, _____, glory.
2. Plan ahead for _____. It will come!
3. Labor to view conflict as an _____, not a dead end.
4. Practice the disciplines of repentance & _____.
5. Reconciliation _____ joyful, Christ-centered _____!