CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, February 14, 2016



Part 5

The Art of RECONCILIATION

JUDGING

(Evaluate others with love and wisdom.)

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CONFRONTING

(Healthy confrontation is a gift.)

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REPENTANCE

(Name It – Own It – Grieve It – Confess It – Quit It – Mend It)

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FORGIVENESS

(Forgiven people forgive.)

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RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is the restoration of the interpersonal bond between two people, in mutual acceptance of each other for who each one is.

It is a face-to-face relationship experience.

Forgiveness, repentance and reconciliation

must dance together to mend a broken relationship.

• It takes one person to forgive.

• It takes one person to repent.

• It takes two people to reconcile.

• We forgive a person whether they repent or not.

• We repent before a person whether they forgive or not.

• But we cannot experience reconciliation unless both repentance and forgiveness have been expressed and accepted.

• Forgiving has no strings attached.

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• Repentance has no strings attached.

• Reconciliation has several strings attached.

FORGIVENESS + REPENTANCE . . . . . . . . RECONCILIATION

Forgiveness and repentance do not automatically equal reconciliation but they are both necessary to move us toward reconciliation.

THREE RECONCILIATION STORIES

1. UNREALIZED RECONCILIATION –

Genesis 33 . . . the story of Esau and Jacob

When hurt happens it always affects trust.

• Sometimes reconciliation is impossible

• Sometimes reconciliation is harmful.

• Sometimes reconciliation takes a long time.

• Always reconciliation is beautiful.

2. REALIZED RECONCILIATION –

Luke 15:11-24 . . . the story of The Prodigal Son

• We see true repentance in verses 18-20

• We see true forgiveness in verses 20-24

• We see true reconciliation in verse 24

so they began to celebrate

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you,

live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:6

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 5:9

Am I a peace-lover or a peace-maker?

3. DIVINE RECONCILIATION –

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.

2 Corinthians 5:19