

## HOW TO RECONCILE A RELATIONSHIP

Growing in the Seasons of Life  
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*"Those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness."* James 3:18 (NLT)

### THE CAUSE OF CONFLICT:

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*"What leads to strife (discord and feuds) and how do conflicts (quarrels and fightings) originate among you? Do they not arise from your sensual desires that are ever warring in your bodily members? You are jealous and covet [what others have]. . . . You burn with envy and anger and are not able to obtain [the gratification, the contentment, and the happiness that you seek], so you fight and war. You do not have, because you do not ask."* James 4:1-2 (AMPC)

*"For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will."* Romans 8:7 (NLT)

### THE CURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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*"At one time you were far away from God and were his enemies because of the evil things you did and thought. But now, by means of the death of his Son, God has made you his friends, in order to bring you, holy, pure, and faultless, into his presence."* Colossians 1:21-22 (GNT)

*"Everyone who believes in him is made right in God's sight—something the law of Moses could never do."* Acts 13:39 (NLT)

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*"If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him, and he will gladly tell you."* James 1:5 (TLB)

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*"If you are standing before the altar in the Temple, offering a sacrifice to God, and suddenly remember that a friend has something against you, leave your sacrifice there beside the altar and go and apologize and be reconciled to him, and then come and offer your sacrifice to God."* Matthew 5:23-24 (TLB)

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*"Why do you notice the little piece of dust in your friend's eye, but you don't notice the big piece of wood in your own eye? . . . First, take the wood out of your own eye. Then you will see clearly to take the dust out of your friend's eye."*  
Matthew 7:3, 5 (NCV)

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*"Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry."* James 1:19 (NLT)  
*"We must bear the 'burden' of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others."*  
Romans 15:2 (TLB)

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*"When we were unable to help ourselves, at the right time, Christ died for us, although we were living against God."* Romans 5:6 (NCV)  
*"We were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son."*  
Romans 5:10 (NIV)

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Reconciliation = reestablish the relationship  
Resolution = resolve every issue

### GOD'S GOAL FOR HIS CHURCH

*"He has restored our relationship with him through Christ, and has given us this ministry of restoring relationships. . . . He didn't hold people's faults against them, and he has given us this message of restored relationships to tell others. Therefore, we are Christ's representatives. . . . We beg you on behalf of Christ to become reunited with God."* 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (GW)

*"God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God."*  
Matthew 5:9 (NLT)

### WHO DO I NEED TO RECONCILE WITH?

#### Next Step

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