

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

RECONCILIATION

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The Torah and Jesus agree that \_\_\_\_\_ is part of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
v21; Deut 19:1-14; Num 35:16-34

Conflict becomes destructive through \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
v21-22; Ps 37:8; Pro 15:1; 22:24-25; 29:11; 30:33; Eph 4:26; James 1:20

The Antidote (v23-26):

- Be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Make reconciliation your \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.
- Make reconciliation your \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ priority.  
Heb 12:15

*Reconciliation is \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Reconciliation is \_\_\_\_\_ . 2Cor 5:18*

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

What thought from the message was most challenging to you?

How is God calling you to respond to the message?

What questions remain for you about reconciliation?

What is God teaching you these days?

What would you like the group to join you in praying about?

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The Torah and Jesus agree that CONFLICT is part of the HUMAN EXPERIENCE.

v21; Deut 19:1-14; Num 35:16-34

Conflict becomes destructive through ANGER and CONTEMPT.

v21-22; Ps 37:8; Pro 15:1; 22:24-25; 29:11; 30:33; Eph 4:26; James 1:20

The Antidote (v23-26):

- Be RECONCILED.
- Make reconciliation your NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.
- Make reconciliation your MOST URGENT priority.  
Heb 12:15

*Reconciliation is INDISPENSABLE for HUMAN FLOURISHING.*

*Reconciliation is LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL. 2Cor 5:18*

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