

WHERE'S THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL
Relational Repairs – Part 1

ON TV: What's wrong with these people?

ON TV: **Convince, Convict, Coerce, Control**

ON TV: The majority of us are better at starting our cars and driving our cars than **repairing** our cars.

ON TV: *"I'm sorry if I offended you."*

ON TV: Because repairing a relationship is not **intuitive**.

ON TV: *"I said I'm sorry, why are you still upset? I'm acknowledging that I did something wrong. It should be fine now."*

ON TV: #1: Power and Control

ON TV: #2: Love and Closeness

ON TV: #3: Respect and Recognition

ON TV: Repairing a broken relationship, is a **learned** skill, and most of us were never taught how to do this, and many of us have never even seen it modeled well.

ON TV: They **do**, and they **say** what they should have done and what they should have said a long time ago.

ON TV: Why did it take so long for us to repair and reconcile that relationship?

ON TV: The goal isn't **reconciliation**.

ON TV: We can **never** set a goal for another adult.

ON TV: An **agenda**

ON TV: Agendas always **undermine** or put a **wall around** relationships.

ON TV: Agendas insure that broken relationships **stay broken**.

ON TV: Do you enjoy people who have an agenda for you?

ON TV: Do you enjoy people who you feel like are always evaluating and judging you?

ON TV: The goal in reconciling a relational repair is simply **no regrets**.

ON TV: We always have **a part** in the process of reconciliation.

ON TV: Why in the world are we talking about this in church?

ON TV: Restoring a relationship.

ON TV: Forgiveness is only **half** the equation.

ON TV: I can forgive you and never make any attempt to reconcile with you, but reconciliation is the real win.

ON TV: Forgiveness and reconciliation **are related**.

ON TV: God forgave to remove an **obstacle to relationship**, and He forgave to remove an **obstacle to reconciliation**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “So now I am giving you a new commandment: **Love each other**. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.” John 13:34

ON TV/OUTLINE: “In your **relationships** with one another have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 2:5

ON TV/OUTLINE: “31 Jesus answered them, ‘It’s not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 32 I’ve not come to call the righteous, but **sinner to repentance**.’” Luke 5:31-32

ON TV: Reconciliation requires **proximity**.

ON TV: The goal is **no regrets**.

ON TV: What is stopping you and me from removing the obstacles that **we** can, that are preventing reconciliation?

ON TV: What is keeping you and me from trying, **really**?

ON TV/OUTLINE:

- **#1:** Which of the four “*not helpful*” relationship management tools (*convince, convict, coerce, control*) **do you go to first** when conflict arises?
- **#2:** Do you have friends or family members who are estranged from members of their families and from your perspective, you just wonder **what’s keeping the conflict alive**?
- **#3:** If you are estranged from a friend or family member, **what’s stopping you from taking steps to make a relational repair** with them?