

# FAITHFUL MEN

## 2 Samuel 14

I frequently hear stories about breaches existing between Christian parents and their children or between Christian siblings. We must be willing to reconcile. Perhaps reconciliation will look different than the relationship before the breach but nonetheless we all need to start somewhere. Long periods of silence or little to no communication are not what we or the Lord should have in mind. Sometimes outside help is needed.

I encourage you to do the following:

1. If you have a strained relationship with someone, personally reach out to them to talk and to listen and to possibly heal together.
2. If your personal attempts to reconcile have been in vain, gain the help of a trustworthy objective, mature believer to assist in the process.
3. Read Ephesians 4:3, Psalm 133 and Matthew 18:15-20

Matthew 18:15-20 “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Now is the day to begin the process of reconciliation: Not tomorrow, today

1. Look up
2. Reach out
3. Break the silence
4. Remain low and humble
5. Accept your wrongs and confess them
6. Walk in love not resentment or bitterness
7. Solicit help
8. Remain proactive and selfless and not reactive and selfish
9. Be childlike not childish.

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