

# Free Indeed

## RECONCILIATION IN CHRIST

### FREE INDEED PT 2: THE SOLUTION

If family and friendship division weren't enough, we live in a culture that is divided across political, racial, and socio-cultural lines. Things may have been worse in the past, but we've never seen such division in our lifetime. We have a division problem, but what is the solution?

**Big Idea:** *It's never too late to give someone a second chance*

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you got something spiritual tattooed on your body, what it would be, and what would it symbolize? If you already have a spiritual tattoo, why did you get it? What does it symbolize?
2. What is one worship song or lyric that has really spoken to your heart? How does your answer to questions 1 and 2 connect with forgiveness? Second chances?
3. Read [Philemon 1-25](#). In the letter to Philemon, Paul inserts himself into the middle of the conflict between Philemon and Onesimus. Paul modeled the good news, believing that it held the power to unite against incredible odds. How is Paul's example like Jesus?
4. Name a conflicting situation or relationship that feels difficult to unite. What is one way you can humbly step into the middle of this conflict to promote love, equality, and healing mercy?
5. Read [Colossians 3:1-14](#). In this passage, Paul is describing the characteristics of a life that's fitting to all followers of Jesus and a life that is not. Jesus' followers are called to throw out the greedy, lustful, angry markings of the old life and instead adopt the loving, patient, and humble traits of Jesus' new resurrected life. The old way of life separates people from God and from one another. The new way of life in Jesus unites people to God and to one another.
6. Consider how you have recently interacted with the political, racial, and socio-economic dynamics of your culture. In your interactions, what old instincts are especially difficult for you and/or others to overcome (see verses 5-9)?
7. What relationships might have been avoided or damaged? What is one step you can take towards repair? In the new creation family of Jesus, all identities are made equal and unified into one redeemed identity. What might the list in verse 11 sound like if Paul rewrote it for your culture and time?

This week - Consider the qualities of your new identity in Jesus: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and love (verses 12-14). Reflect on how Jesus inserted himself into humanity's conflict while perfectly expressing these qualities. Pray for God's help to do the same while living from these qualities this week. Give someone a second chance.