

Genesis 33

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SERMON NOTES

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In the beginning...

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Genesis 33 reminds us that...

1. Sin separates us from God and from one another.
 2. Some people are more ready to reconcile than we realize
 3. We need a gospel shaped reconciliation that involves:
 - Humility
 - Honest confession & genuine repentance
 - Courage of a first move
 - Offered restitution
 - A glorious resolution
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- Pride/Vainglory
 - Greed/Covetousness
 - Lust
 - Envy
 - Gluttony/Drunkenness
 - Wrath/Anger
 - Sloth
 - Gossip

"We live in an age in which everything is permitted and nothing is forgiven."

- Alan Jones

"All the bitter enmity that had separated these two men for 20 years was swept away by the forgiving love that flooded their beings. Barriers of resentment, hatred and fear fell in a moment, and permitted the joy of renewed friendship, introductions to the family and exchange of news."

- Joyce G. Baldwin

“The quiet, hidden work of God’s Spirit goes on through the centuries, embracing succeeding generations, all of which belong in His worldwide outreach and are part of a greater whole, called by Jesus the kingdom of God. Statistics cannot estimate size, nor reckon its worth.”

- Joyce G. Baldwin

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

“The main way Christians can be a resource to the broader culture is by restoring the church to being a well-known community of forgiveness and reconciliation.”

- Tim Keller