

GRACE STUDENTS

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**You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,**

**Deuteronomy 11:18-20**

# MAY 31

## **Big Idea of the Sermon**

We can pursue reconciliation because Jesus pursued us first

## **Scriptures Covered in the Sermon**

2 Corinthians 5:17–21, John 3:16–17, 1 Thessalonians 2:4a

## **Overview of the Sermon**

This message introduced students to the powerful difference between forgiveness and reconciliation. Through a real-life story of loss, repentance, and healing, students saw that while forgiveness is something we can choose on our own, reconciliation takes intentional effort from both people. Students learned that forgiveness means letting go of anger, resentment, and the desire for revenge even if the other person never apologizes. Reconciliation, however, is about restoring trust and rebuilding a relationship, which requires humility, courage, and honest conversation. Through Paul's words in 2 Corinthians, students were reminded that God didn't just forgive us, He reconciled us to Himself through Jesus. Because of that, we are called to live as ambassadors of reconciliation, reflecting God's grace in how we handle conflict and relationships.

## **A Thought for the Home**

Don't just encourage your student to "move on" from conflict, help them understand the difference between letting go (forgiveness) and leaning in (reconciliation). Both matter, but they aren't the same.



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## Discipleship Tip for This Week

Model reconciliation in your own relationships. If appropriate, let your student hear you apologize, extend forgiveness, or work through conflict in a healthy way. Then talk about why it matters.

## Continue the Conversation

- If you could fix one broken relationship in your life right now, what would it be and why?
- What do you think it means to be a “new creation” in Christ?
- What’s the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation?
- Why do you think it can be so hard to take the first step toward making things right?
- How could praying for someone you’re upset with change how you feel about them?

## Prayer Prompts for Your Student

- Pray that your student would recognize relationships that need healing.
- Pray they would have the courage to forgive, even when it’s difficult.
- Pray for humility and wisdom if an opportunity for reconciliation arises.
- Pray they would reflect God’s love and grace in their relationships.

## Action Steps for the Week

With your student:

- **Identify** one relationship that may need forgiveness or reconciliation
- **Pray daily** for that person and for their own heart
- **Be open** to having a healthy, honest conversation if the opportunity comes.

