

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Dare You to Move
Message: Redemption Has Stories to Tell
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Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

James 5:16 (NLT)

Read Matthew Chapter 5. As people, we are not and don't live on our own islands. We encounter people daily, whether it's in our homes, virtually, work or just being out in the community.

Why do you think it's so important to reconcile relationships as followers of Jesus?

Take a moment to stop and pray about the various relationships you have. It can be a spouse, coworker, child, parent, sibling, acquaintance, friend or even yourself.

- Ask the Lord to reveal any recent offenses you may have done and make a list of names.

- Ask for wisdom, courage, guidance to reconcile with them.
- Choose one from your list and plan to reach out before the end of the week.
- Pray over the plan in accordance to God's will. (You may be led to make adjustments!)
- Execute the plan by taking steps of faith.

Read Hebrews 9 and 10. Notice the comparison of the Old Testament sacrifices to the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

What is the significance of the sacrifice?

What do you need to sacrifice to redeem the relationships you've failed?

Read the two scripture passages below. Take 5-10 minutes to think and pray over your spheres of influence and community connections. In what areas do you see some redemptive work to be necessary?

¹⁴ Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. ¹⁵ My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place. ¹⁶ For I have chosen this Temple and set it apart to be holy—a place where my name will be honored forever. I will always watch over it, for it is dear to my heart.

2 Chronicles 7:13-17 (NLT)

⁹ Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself.

1 Corinthians 6:19 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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Redeem (def): to repair or restore

¹³ You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.¹⁴ You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT)

1. As followers of Jesus, we must face our failures toward others.

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2. Own it and fix it with God's wisdom and help.

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. ⁷ Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. ⁸ Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.

Proverbs 3:5-8 (NLT)

3. Redemption is a process, and it takes time.

¹³ Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. ¹⁴ Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. ¹⁵ That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.

Hebrews 9:13-15 (NLT)

4. We should not allow pride, fear, discomfort or embarrassment to stop us from repairing relationships.

¹³ At times I might shut up the heavens so that no rain falls, or command grasshoppers to devour your crops, or send plagues among you. ¹⁴ Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. ¹⁵ My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place. ¹⁶ For I have chosen this Temple and set it apart to be holy—a place where my name will be honored forever. I will always watch over it, for it is dear to my heart.

2 Chronicles 7:13-16 (NLT)

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

5. Facing our failures sets us up to become people God can use.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)