



Ministry of Reconciliation 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.”

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

When do people change.

1. When we hurt enough that we have to
2. When we see enough that inspires us
3. When we learn enough that we want to change
4. When we receive enough that we are able to

How can I make a change in my world? What did Jesus Do?

I. He Valued People - Connecting
He saw their value beyond their circumstances.

Matthew 25:40 *“...you’ve done it unto me.”* Jesus takes it personally.

II. He Added Value to People - Blessing
a. Look for ways to add value to people
b. Take action. (Good intentions don’t change anything)

“Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.”

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

**Our perspective of others determines our attitude towards them.

If I see you as weak - I’ll help you
If I see you as broken - I’ll fix you

If I see you as valuable - I’ll serve you

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,”
Philippians 2:3

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

Galatians 6:2

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”

Ephesians 4:2

“and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” - Ephesians 5:2

The Golden Rule.

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.” - Matthew 7:12

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” - Luke 6:31

“Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, “How can I help?”

Romans 15:1-2

“...that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.”

2 Corinthians 5:19

How can I help?