

RECONCILIATION = "THE RESTORATION OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS AFTER DISAGREEMENT OR ENMITY; THE ACTION OF MAKING ONE VIEW OR BELIEF COMPATIBLE WITH ANOTHER; THE ACTION OF MAKING FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS CONSISTENT; HARMONIZATION."

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¹⁸ALL THIS IS FROM GOD, WHO THROUGH CHRIST RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF AND GAVE US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION; ¹⁹THAT IS, IN CHRIST GOD WAS RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF.

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NOT COUNTING THEIR TRESPASSES AGAINST THEM, AND ENTRUSTING TO US THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION.

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²⁰THEREFORE, WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, GOD MAKING HIS APPEAL THROUGH US. WE IMPORE YOU ON BEHALF OF CHRIST, BE RECONCILED TO GOD. —2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-20

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¹WORKING TOGETHER WITH HIM, THEN, WE APPEAL TO YOU NOT TO RECEIVE THE GRACE OF GOD IN VAIN. ²FOR HE SAYS, "IN A FAVORABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU, AND IN A DAY OF SALVATION I HAVE HELPED YOU." BEHOLD, NOW IS THE FAVORABLE TIME; BEHOLD, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION. ³WE PUT NO OBSTACLE IN ANYONE'S WAY, SO THAT NO FAULT MAY BE FOUND WITH OUR MINISTRY. ⁴BUT AS SERVANTS OF GOD WE COMMEND OURSELVES IN EVERY WAY: BY GREAT ENDURANCE, IN AFFLICTIONS, HARDSHIPS, CALAMITIES, ⁵BEATINGS, IMPRISONMENTS, RIOTS, LABORS, SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, HUNGER;

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⁶BY PURITY, KNOWLEDGE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, THE HOLY SPIRIT, GENUINE LOVE; ⁷BY TRUTHFUL SPEECH, AND THE POWER OF GOD; WITH THE WEAPONS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THE RIGHT HAND AND FOR THE LEFT; ⁸THROUGH HONOR AND DISHONOR, THROUGH SLANDER AND PRAISE. WE ARE TREATED AS IMPOSTORS, AND YET ARE TRUE; ⁹AS UNKNOWN, AND YET WELL KNOWN; AS DYING, AND BEHOLD, WE LIVE; AS PUNISHED, AND YET NOT KILLED; ¹⁰AS SORROWFUL, YET ALWAYS REJOICING; AS POOR, YET MAKING MANY RICH; AS HAVING NOTHING, YET POSSESSING EVERYTHING. —2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-10

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"COMMITMENT"

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WORSHIP. CONNECT. SERVE.

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I. THE CALL TO SERVE BEGINS WITH COOPERATION
2 CORINTHIANS 6:1

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"IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
TOTALLY COMMITTED TO KNOWING YOUR GOD AND
TO WALKING IN OBEDIENCE TO HIM, THEN DON'T BEGIN.

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FOR THIS IS WHAT CHRISTIANITY IS ALL ABOUT.
IT IS A CHANGE OF CITIZENSHIP, A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENTS,
A CHANGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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IF YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF LETTING CHRIST
RULE YOUR LIFE, THEN FORGET CHRISTIANITY:
IT IS NOT FOR YOU." —KAY ARTHUR

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2. THE CALL TO SERVE REQUIRES COMMITMENT
2 CORINTHIANS 6:3

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SERVANT-LEADERS...
• WELCOME ACCOUNTABILITY OVER AUTONOMY
2 CORINTHIANS 6:3

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"MORE THAN ONCE JESUS DELIBERATELY ADDRESSED CERTAIN ISSUES THAT QUICKLY DIMINISHED THE NUMBER OF ONLOOKERS. IT WAS COMMITMENT THAT THINNED THE RANKS." —CHARLES SWINDOLL

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SERVANT-LEADERS...
• DEMONSTRATE PERSEVERANCE OVER CONVENIENCE
2 CORINTHIANS 6:4-5

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"MINISTRY THAT COSTS NOTHING, ACCOMPLISHES NOTHING." —J.H. JOWETT

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SERVANT-LEADERS...
• CHOOSE EXPRESSIONS OF GRACE OVER EXPECTATIONS
OF JUSTICE 2 CORINTHIANS 6:6-8a

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"INTEGRITY IS KEEPING A COMMITMENT EVEN AFTER
CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED."
—DAVID JEREMIAH

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SERVANT-LEADERS...
• PURSUE AUTHENTICITY WITH GOD OVER THE
APPROVAL OF OTHERS 2 CORINTHIANS 6:6b-10

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FOR GOD IS NOT UNJUST SO AS TO OVERLOOK YOUR WORK
AND THE LOVE THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN FOR HIS NAME
IN SERVING THE SAINTS, AS YOU STILL DO. —HEBREWS 6:10

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3. THE CALL TO SERVE NEEDS SERVANTS
2 CORINTHIANS 6:11-13

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