

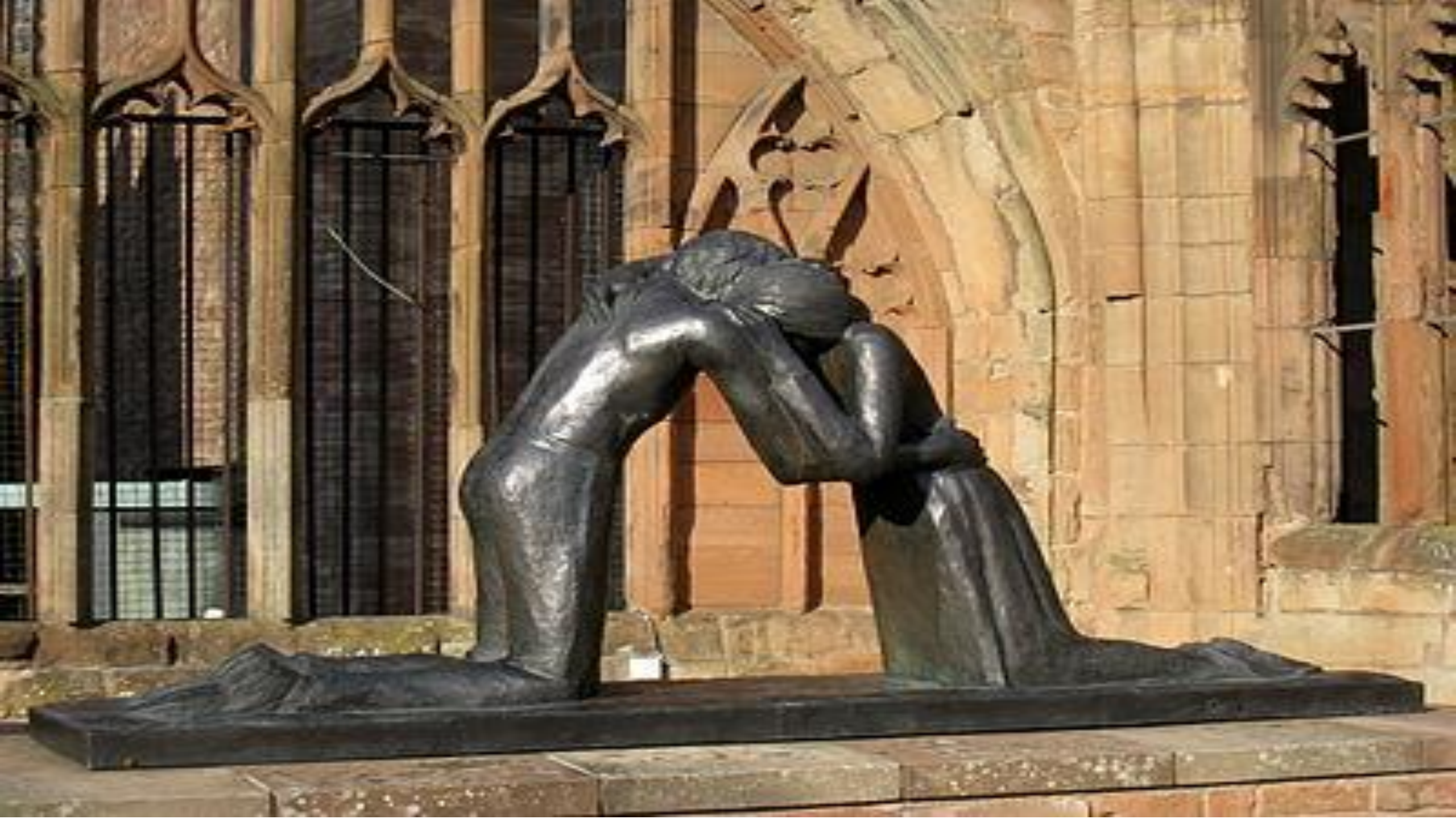
**Start Presentation**





## Philippians 2:1-4 (Empathy)

- 1 Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate?**
- 2 Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.**
- 3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.**
- 4 Don't look out only for your own interests (side of the wall), but take an interest in others (side of the wall), too.**



# The Reconciliation Process

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# The Preparation For Reconciliation

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# The Preparation for Reconciliation

Identify The Issue

## **Hebrews 4:14-16**

**14 So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe.**

**15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.**

**16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.**

## **Philippians 3:12-13**

**12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.**

**13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead**

## **Colossians 4:10**

**10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him)**

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**10 Aristarchus, who is in prison with me, sends you his greetings, and so does Mark, Barnabas's cousin. As you were instructed before, make Mark welcome if he comes your way. [NLT]**

# The Preparation for Reconciliation

Prepare the Issue

## **1 Corinthians 13:1-2**

**1 If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.**

**2 If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing.**

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## **Ephesians 4:29**

**29 Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.**

## Galatians 6:1

**1 BRETHREN, IF any person is overtaken in misconduct or sin of any sort, you who are spiritual [who are responsive to and controlled by the Spirit] should set him right and restore and reinstate him, without any sense of superiority and with all gentleness, **keeping an attentive eye on yourself,** lest you should be tempted also. [AMP]**

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Determine A Place



## Matthew 18:15

**15 “If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. [NLT]**

# The Preparation for Reconciliation

Pray Together

## **James 1:5**

**5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.**

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**5 If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You'll get his help, and won't be condescended to when you ask for it.**

**[Message]**

# The Opportunities For Reconciliation

To Be Heard

To Respond

To Resolve

To Rest

# The Opportunities For Reconciliation

To Be Heard

## James 1:19-20 (Hearer)

**19 Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.**

**20 Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.**

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## Philippians 2:4

**4 Don't look out only for your own interests (side of the wall), but take an interest in others (side of the wall), too.**

# The Opportunities For Reconciliation

## To Respond

**Proverbs 18:17 (Hearer)**

**17 The first one to plead his cause seems right,  
Until his neighbor comes and examines him.**

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**2 Corinthians 10:4**

**4 We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. [NLT]**



**Proverbs 15:1 (Speaker)**

**1 A gentle answer deflects anger,  
but harsh words make tempers flare.**

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**Ephesians 4:29**

**29 Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful,  
so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.**

# The Opportunities For Reconciliation

## To Resolve

## **James 3:14-17 (Clarification)**

**14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.**

**15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.**

**16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.**

**17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.**

## Colossians 3:12-14 (Forgiveness)

**12 You are always and dearly loved by God! So robe yourself with virtues of God, since you have been divinely chosen to be holy. Be merciful as you endeavor to understand others, and be compassionate, showing kindness toward all. Be gentle and humble, unoffendable in your patience with others.**

**13 Tolerate the weaknesses of those in the family of faith, forgiving one another in the same way you have been graciously forgiven by Jesus Christ. If you find fault with someone, release this same gift of forgiveness to them.**

**14 For love is supreme and must flow through each of these virtues. Love becomes the mark of true maturity. [TPT]**

## James 5:16 (Stand)

**16 Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].**

## Romans 14:1-4 (Unity)

**1 Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.**

**2–4 For instance, a person who has been around for a while might well be convinced that he can eat anything on the table, while another, with a different background, might assume he should only be a vegetarian and eat accordingly. But since both are guests at Christ's table, wouldn't it be terribly rude if they fell to criticizing what the other ate or didn't eat? God, after all, invited them both to the table. Do you have any business crossing people off the guest list or interfering with God's welcome? If there are corrections to be made or manners to be learned, God can handle that without your help.**

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# The Opportunities For Reconciliation

## To Rest

**Romans 12:18**

**18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably  
with all men.**



## **Ephesians 4:26-27**

**26 But don't let the passion of your emotions lead you to sin! Don't let anger control you or be fuel for revenge, not for even a day.**

**27 Don't give the slanderous accuser, the Devil, an opportunity to manipulate you!  
[TPT]**

## **Proverbs 16:32**

**32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty,  
And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.**

# Reconciling “Irreconcilable Differences”

## A New Beginning

### ➤ The Preparation for Reconciliation

- **Identify the Issue** – Forgiveness, Clarification, Unity, Stand
- **Prepare the Issue** – Prayed Out, Thought Out, Consider Yourself
  - **Determine A Place** – Privacy, Time
  - **Pray Together** – Ask for Wisdom Together

### ➤ The Opportunities for Reconciliation

- **To Be Heard** – The satisfaction of fully expressing your heart
- **To Respond** – The ability to fully respond and clarify your heart
- **To Resolve** – Discuss Issue, Stake Progress, Celebrate Victory
- **To Rest** – Peacefully Exit, Affirm Your Commitment, Stay Diligent

# Reference Guide

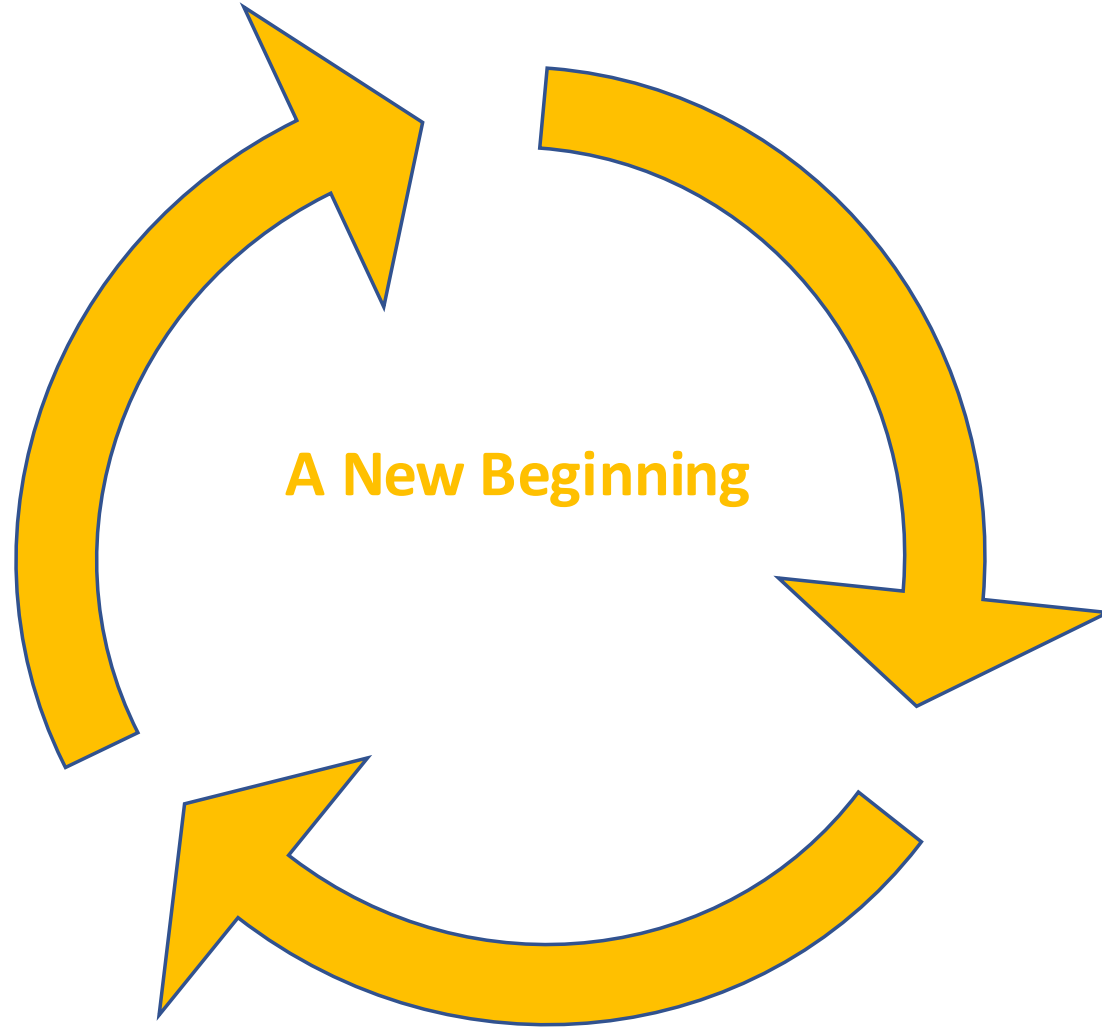
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# A New Hope

- **All Things Are Possible** (Reconciliation of God & Man – Man & Man)
  - Mark 9:21-24, Ephesians 3:20, 2 Corinthians 5:17-20
- **Things Worth Fighting For** (People, God's Plan, YOU)
  - Luke 14:26, Ephesians 2:10, Romans 5:8-11
- **Love "Hopes All Things"** (God Heals Hearts & Redeems Time)
  - 1 Corinthians 13:7, Romans 15:13, Colossians 1:19-22
- **Summary**
  - God's heart is for reconciliation! Most of our relationships start with a happy innocence and then "life" happens. Eventually there can be a "parting of hearts" that creates an atmosphere to where reconciliation seems impossible. However, God is the Master reconciler and He IS LOVE and love NEVER fails! There is cause for **A NEW HOPE!**

# A New Perspective

## • Recognizing The Blur

- **Recognizing Your Flesh** (It's not about "Getting Caught")
  - Galatians 6:7-8, Galatians 5:19-21a
- **Recognizing The Accuser** (Jesus Is Not the "Accuser")
  - Ephesians 2:1-2, Revelation 12:9-10, James 3:13-16, Proverbs 22:10
- **Recognizing The Fear** (Torment Blurs the Vision)
  - 1 John 4:18-21

## • Clearing The Blur

- **Receiving God's Grace** (Clears Your Conscience)
  - 1 John 1:6-9, Hebrews 10:14
- **Repenting To The Spirit** (Clears Heart & Stirs the Holy Spirit)
  - 2 Corinthians 7:10-11, Galatians 5:16-17, 2 Timothy 1:6-7
- **Making A Straight Path** (You Are Not Alone In Godly Decisions)
  - Hebrews 12:12-14a, Proverbs 4:24-27, John 14:16-17, John 16:12-13, Colossians 3:2, James 3:16

## ■ Summary

- Everything looks different when you have something in your eye. There's a blur that distorts the true appearance of whatever you're looking at. Jesus said that if we'd get the log of our own failings out of our eye then we'd be able to see clearly to help our brother with his issue.
- When we're honest and diligent to keep our hearts clear toward God things come into focus and we get **A NEW PERSPECTIVE!**

# A New Approach

- **Recognize the “Wall of Hostility”** (Exposing Satan’s Narrative)
  - Ephesians 2:14-16;18, Ephesians 6:12, Revelation 12:10, Isaiah 14:12-17, James 3:13-16
- **Get on the Same Side of the Wall** (Embracing God’s Narrative)
  - Galatians 3:26–28 (Family), 1 Peter 5:8-10 (Battle), Matthew 18:18-19 (Faith), James 5:16 (Mercy)
- **Understand the Process** (Joining Forces – Overcoming Together)
  - Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 4:11-13, Ephesians 4:14-16, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
- **Summary**
  - Over time the unresolved issues of a relationship start to form a “Wall of Hostility”. Each person sees the wall from a unique perspective. What if we could get on the same side of this wall together? What if we could have empathy for each other? What if we could come together and pray in agreement and begin to take this wall down brick by brick. Let’s get on the same side of life as the children of God with **A NEW APPROACH!**



# A New Beginning

## • The Preparation for Reconciliation

- **Identify the Issue** (Clarification, Forgiveness, Stand, Unity)
  - Hebrews 4:14-16, Philippians 3:12-13, Colossians 4:10
- **Prepare the Issue** (Prayed Out, Thought Out, Truth In Love)
  - 1 Corinthians 13:1-2, Ephesians 4:29, Galatians 6:1
- **Determine A Place** (Privacy, Time)
  - Matthew 18:15
- **Pray Together** (Ask for Wisdom Together)
  - James 1:5

## • The Opportunities for Reconciliation

- **To Be Heard** (The satisfaction of fully expressing your heart)
  - (Hearer) James 1:19-20, Philippians 2:4
- **To Respond** (The ability to fully respond and clarify your heart)
  - (Hearer) Prov 18:17, 2 Cor 10:4 – (Speaker) Prov 15:1, Eph 4:29
- **To Resolve** (Discuss Issue, Stake Progress, Celebrate Victory)
  - (Clarify) James 3:14-17, (Forgive) Colossians 3:12-14
  - (Stand) James 5:16, (Unity) Romans 14:1-4
- **To Rest** (Peacefully Exit, Affirm Your Commitment, Stay Diligent)
  - Romans 12:18, Ephesians 4:26-27, Proverbs 16:32

## ■ Summary

- As we prepare our own hearts before God we are then prepared to lovingly engage in the in the process of reconciliation. We can enjoy a forum where there's freedom to speak our hearts and to listen with understanding. It's an atmosphere where God's wisdom and mercy can knit our hearts back together.
- There is a time and a season for everything under heaven. Now is the time for reconciliation...for our most precious relationships to be healed and restored and to experience...**A NEW BEGINNING!**

The End