

Unity



**“Church Hurt” =
The pain sometimes
inflicted by Christians
inside the confines
of the church**



**How do we respond
when we are the
ones who have hurt
someone else?**



Matthew 5:21-24



**Be Reconciled
To Your Brother**



Matthew 5:23a

Matthew 5:21-22



**Jesus equates the
physical act of murder
to a person who has
bottled up, undealt with
anger in their heart**



**DON'T let the busyness
of life stop you from
keeping short accounts
with one another!**



**Many times, because we
HAVEN'T kept short enough
accounts, an issue has
gotten more complicated
and festered**

Matthew 5:23



“Presenting an offering at the altar” was part of a Jewish person’s way of worship (they routinely and regularly bring their best as a way to give back to God)



**God cared greatly
about the heart
behind these sacrifices**



If while an in-progress sacrifice is happening an unresolved conflict comes to your mind (what are you supposed to do?)



Matthew 5:23-24

What does it say?

**Stop, do NOT continue,
leave your sacrifice and**

**GO, get right with
your brother!!!**



**If while we're in the process
of ANY act of worship and
a known issue with our
brother crosses our mind –
we've got to STOP
and GO get it right**



**The main reason for
Jesus coming to the
world was to reconcile
God's people back
to God**



If God is that interested in restoring and reconciling mankind to Himself – DON'T you think God's equally interested in us reconciling with one another?



Matthew 5:9

**Followers of Jesus
are to go out of their way
to make sure
peace is pursued
and sought after**



Romans 12:14-21



The Biblical distinction between forgiveness and reconciliation



**ALL of us are
commanded to forgive**

Colossians 3:12-17



**Reconciliation is
different from
forgiveness**



**There are consequences
to sin and sometimes
those consequences
are (sadly) radically
different relationships**



**It really ALL comes
down to believers
taking ownership**



CHALLENGE

