

June Bible Study Series:  
Relationship Reset  
Lesson 9  
No More Grudges (Part 2)

# Scripture Reference:

## Genesis 27:41-46

41 Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

42 When Rebekah was told what her older son Esau had said, she sent for her younger son Jacob and said to him, "Your brother Esau is planning to avenge himself by killing you."

43 Now then, my son, do what I say: Flee at once to my brother Laban in Harran.

44 Stay with him for a while until your brother's fury subsides.

45 When your brother is no longer angry with you and forgets what you did to him, I'll send word for you to come back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one day?"

46 Then Rebekah said to Isaac, "I'm disgusted with living because of these Hittite women. If Jacob takes a wife from among the women of this land, from Hittite women like these, my life will not be worth living."

# Eight Steps and Principles to Reconciliation:

Step 1  
Reconciliation  
Begins with God.

# Genesis 32:1-2.

So Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is God's camp." And he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

Principle 1:  
Don't Seek God Unless You  
Want to Make Things Right  
with Others.

Step 2

Reconciliation Comes Before  
Reconciliation with God.

## Principle 2:

You can't live in harmony with your Heavenly Father until you are living in harmony with your human brothers and sisters.

# Matthew 5:23-24.

So, if you are offering your gift on the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Step 3  
Reconciliation Must  
Be Intentional.

# Genesis 32:3-5.

Then Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau, his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom. And he commanded them, saying, "Speak thus to my lord Esau, 'Thus your servant Jacob says: "I have dwelt with Laban and stayed there until now. I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and male and female servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight."

Principle 3:  
Taking the Initiative is  
Imperative in Reconciliation.

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If your brother sins against you, go, and rebuke him in private. If he listens to you, you have won your brother.

Step 4  
Reconciliation Must Be Bathed  
in Prayer. (Gen. 32:9-12)

Principle 4:

Prayer is the Salve for  
Wounded Parties; It is the  
Lubricant for Friction in  
Relationships.

Step 5  
Reconciliation  
Demands Humility.  
(Genesis 33:3)

Principle 5:  
Humility Puts Us in a Position  
for Reconciliation to Occur.

Step 6  
Reconciliation Requires  
Vulnerability.  
(Genesis 33:4)

Principle 6:  
Reconciliation Will  
Never Happen Until  
the Heart is Exposed.

Step 7  
Reconciliation Nears  
Completion in Forgiveness.  
(Genesis 33:4)

## Principle 7:

Forgiveness Involves Letting  
Go So You Can Get on with  
the Rest of Your Life.

Step 8  
Reconciliation is  
Finished in Restitution.  
(Genesis 33:8)

## Principle 8:

Restitution is attempting to restore that which has been damaged or destroyed and seeking justice whenever we have the power to act or to influence those in authority to act.

# Genesis 33:10

"For indeed, I have seen your face,  
[and it is] like seeing God's face,  
since you have accepted me."

“Forgiveness is mandatory;  
reconciliation is optional.”

# Bible Study Follow Up Chat Questions:

1. What was your greatest takeaway from today's lesson?
2. What is biblical reconciliation?
3. In what way does reconciliation begin with God?
4. Why must reconciliation be intentional?
5. Why must reconciliation be bathed in prayer?
6. What part does humility play in the process of reconciliation?
7. The steps to reconciliation can be risky. How so?
8. We model the character of God when we reconcile. How so?