

## Reconciliation Part 1 - A New Story

All of our stories had a beginning. All of our stories include the conflict of sin. But your story has a possible final and remarkable act - redemption which includes reconciliation. What comes to mind when you think of reconciliation?

### 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

What does reconciliation suggests about God's heart and mindset towards you?

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Last time we talked about Jesus dying on the cross for you. Let's go back and see what the first sermon was about after Jesus resurrected from the dead and had been taken up to heaven.

### Acts 2:36-37

What is the impact or outcome if God makes Jesus both Lord and Christ (Savior) of your story?

What emotions come up for you when you realize your sin crucified Jesus?

What emotions come up for you when you realize Jesus was willing to be crucified for you?

### Acts 2:38-39

What does Peter explain must happen in your story? Why? Who is offered forgiveness of sins?

### Acts 2:40-41

How does the story of people then compare to the story of you today?

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After failing, how does it feel when you get a chance to start over?

### John 3:1-7

Jesus introduces the concept of being born again. What does that entail? Compare to Acts 2.

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If God loves us so much and wants to forgive us, when does that actually happen?

### Romans 6:1-7

The biggest miracle in God's story is that Jesus not only took our sins, but was raised from the dead. What happens at baptism? What is the correlation between Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection and our old story, baptism, and new story?

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God does much more than merely take our story out of darkness and tear down the separation that sin caused. He offers us to walk in the light in a new story. What could that new story entail?

### 1 John 1:5-10

What are some qualities of life in the light according to this passage? How does walking in the light give us fellowship with one another? What is it that continuously purifies us of our sin?

Now that you know when forgiveness of sins happens and the new story God is offering you starts, do you want to be baptized? If so, when? We have one more conversation about what life in God's story entails.

**Reading before our next talk:**

**Romans 6:8-14; Hebrews 3:12-13; Mark 1:14-20**