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Matthew 5:17-26

Dave and Jim were having breakfast together one morning. Dave was new to town and was asking about the other people in the restaurant. "That man looks really sad. I feel sorry for him," Dave said. Jim replied, "Oh, you don't need to feel sorry for him. When we were kids, he stole my bicycle. I'm sure, whatever is going on, he had it coming."

As their meal went on, Dave noticed that Jim picked apart almost every person in the restaurant. He couldn't believe the negativity that Jim was harboring toward all kinds of people. At this point Dave felt the need to say, "Jim, have you ever tried to work these things out with people?" "Oh, no," was Jim's reply. "That would mean confrontation and I don't like confrontation."

We live in a world that tells us to avoid confrontation and remember all the hurtful things others have done to us. Fortunately, this is not what the Bible teaches. God calls us to go find the one with whom we have a problem and be reconciled. This reconciliation brings great honor to God.

Do you need to reconcile with someone? Today ask God for the strength and grace to be reconciled.

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