

SERMON NOTES

August 12 & 13, 2023

Seat at the Table: Reconciled 2 Samuel 14

1. Unresolved fear drives _____ . **2 Samuel 14:24**
2. Retaliation waters the _____ . **Colossians 3:13**
3. Bitterness produces the fruit of _____ . **Hebrews 12:15**
4. Healthy community begins with _____ . **Matthew 26:26-29**

Steps toward reconciliation

1. _____ about my enemy. **Proverbs 24:17**
2. _____ to my enemy. **Proverbs 18:13**
3. _____ my enemy. **Romans 5:6**

Life Steps

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Monday

Proverbs 24:17

Reflect: Much of our energy can be drawn from conflict and anger. Yet God tells us not to celebrate when an enemy fails. How much time each day do you spend thinking about conflict?

Pray: God of grace, keep my eyes on you and your plan for me today.

Tuesday

Colossians 3:12-13

Reflect: Forgiveness is a difficult thing to consider in the presence of the pain. Yet God shows us relationships begin from a place of forgiveness. What area of your life do you struggle with forgiveness?

Pray: God of grace, grant me the strength of humility and kindness to work towards forgiveness today.

Wednesday

Proverbs 18:13

Reflect: It's so much easier to speak than to listen. Yet God tells us to be patient in our response, to listen first. How good are you at listening to others without having an internal conversation while they are speaking?

Pray: God of grace, give me the patience to listen to the voice of the other today.

Thursday

Proverbs 2:1-6

Reflect: When conflict arises, the instinct is to speak loudly from our places of frustration and pain. But God reminds us to begin from a place of listening, and to speak only from a place of seeking understanding. How might this change your approach to conflict today?

Pray: God of grace, give me the desire to listen for your wisdom first, before anything else.

Friday

Matthew 5:38-42

Reflect: Conflict often is extended beyond where it should go because of our reactions to being hurt. But Jesus shows us another way. As difficult as it might seem, how can you serve your enemy today? (Reminder: you can serve your enemy without them knowing it.)

Pray: God of grace, give me the heart to be able to serve my enemy today, so your love can be made known in the middle of conflict.

Saturday

Proverbs 4:20-27

Reflect: Often, we allow circumstances to dictate our behavior. But this proverb reminds us that we are called to be consistent in character. What grudges are you carrying today that keep you from looking forward?

Pray: God of grace, give me the desire to seek after you, regardless of what may be behind me.

Sunday

Psalms 73:23-26

Reflect: Regardless of who you are, God calls you to his table, to his community, to his fellowship. All we have, all we need is the love of God. Come to worship today ready to praise God in the community that he built.

Pray: God, you are enough.