



Scripture: Colossians 1:19–20, 2 Corinthians 5:18–19

Hey everyone, I'm glad you're here tonight. Let me start with a question: Have you ever had a relationship or situation that was broken and needed to be made right?

Maybe it was a friendship that fell apart. Maybe you said something that hurt someone you care about, and suddenly things were weird. Or maybe it wasn't even your fault; someone walked out on you, betrayed you, or ghosted you, and the relationship was never the same. Broken things hurt, don't they? They remind us how much we long for things to be whole again.

That longing we feel for things to be restored is a clue to something bigger. It points us to the story God has been telling from the very beginning. The Bible isn't just a collection of random stories. It's one big story. Let's walk through it quickly together.

From the very start, God created everything good. The world was full of beauty, peace, and purpose. People lived in perfect harmony with God, with one another, and with creation itself. Nothing was out of place. Everything worked the way it was designed to work.

But it didn't stay that way for long. Humanity turned away from God, deciding we knew better than Him. And when that happened, everything that was once whole began to crack. The closeness between God and people was broken. Relationships between people became messy and painful. Even creation itself started to fall apart. Things like death, disease, and suffering entered the world.

It's like the moment something breaks that you can't fix on your own. You know it's not the way it's supposed to be, but you don't have the power to make it right again.

But here's what's amazing: God didn't walk away. He didn't look at our broken world and say, "Well, good luck figuring that out." From the very beginning, He set a plan in motion to make things right again. All throughout Scripture, we see God moving toward His people; promising,

guiding, and preparing the way for someone who would come and fix what was broken.

That promise came true when Jesus was born. He was more than a teacher or a good man. He was God stepping into our world, living among us. Through His life, death, and resurrection, He made it possible for everything that had been fractured to be restored.

After Jesus rose from the dead, His followers began to spread that good news everywhere they went that the story wasn't over, that God was still making things new. And one day, that story will reach its final chapter; a day when everything is made right again. No more pain. No more distance. No more brokenness. Just wholeness.

That's the big story of the Bible. From beginning to end, it's a story of a loving God who desires to reconcile everything back to Himself through Jesus.

Before we continue, let's pray together.

[Prayer]

Alright, let's open our Bibles to **Colossians 1:19–20 (NIV)**. I'm going to read it out loud. Listen closely to the words:

"For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross."

Let's pause right there. These two verses are packed.

First, notice what this says about Jesus: *"God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him."* That means when you look at Jesus, you're not just looking at a good teacher or a miracle worker. You're looking at God in human flesh. Jesus isn't a piece of God. He is the fullness of God.

Then Paul wrote, *"through Him to reconcile to Himself all things."* Reconcile means to fix what was broken. Think of it like restoring a friendship that fell apart, or fixing something that got messed up. Reconciliation is when enemies become friends again.

But here's the shocking part: Paul didn't just say God reconciles people. He said God reconciles all things, things on earth and things in heaven. That's way bigger than we usually think about.

This matters because sin didn't just mess up people's hearts. It broke everything. Relationships got twisted. Creation itself started to groan (Romans 8). Even spiritual realities got messed up. Sin is like dropping a boulder into a pond where the ripples spread everywhere.

How many of you have a cracked phone screen? Take a second, if you've got one, hold it up. Despite the cracks, you can still kind of see what's on the screen, but everything looks distorted. That's what sin does to life. Everything is still there—the beauty of God's world, the goodness of friendship, the wonder of creation—but it's cracked. Distorted. Broken.

Here's another way to picture it: imagine breaking a bone. Even after the cast comes off, the bone doesn't just heal instantly on its own. It has to be reset, held in place, and given time to heal. That's what reconciliation is like; God stepping in to reset what's broken so it can be whole again.

And that's what Jesus came to do. The cross is the center of reconciliation. That's where God's love and justice collided. That's where Jesus absorbed the penalty of sin so that everything could be made right.

Let's let that sink in: Jesus isn't just fixing people; He's fixing everything.

This is where we need to think bigger. Many of us grew up hearing that Jesus died so our sins could be forgiven, and that's absolutely true. But if we stop there, we miss the full picture. Jesus didn't just come to save individual souls; He came to realign the entire universe back under God's rule.

It starts with us, God healing what's broken inside of us; the shame, the guilt, the fear, and the anger. Jesus stepped right into that and began restoring what had been torn apart.

But it doesn't stop there. God also works in the space between us; in our relationships. Because when sin entered the world, it didn't just mess up our hearts; it messed up the way we treat each other. Suddenly there was

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