Title: Resilient in Reconciliation

Text: Romans 12:16-18

Target: How we regard people or react to people communicates whether our trust is in ourselves or if our trust is in God.

I. **Our Attitude to those that interact with You:**
   A. **Live in Harmony:** “Get along (live in harmony) with each other” (Vs. 16a MSG)
      1. Show gratitude and appreciation.
      2. Communicate feelings and unspoken expectations.
      3. Be quick to get to common ground.
   B. **Do Not Be Haughty:** “Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people” (Vs. 16b NLT) “Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.” (Vs. 16b ESV)
      1. God regards Pride as an abomination.
      2. God is resistant to the Proud.
      3. God reminds us no one is immune to Pride.
         a) No task should ever be beneath you.
         b) No person should ever be seen as less than you.
   C. **Always Stay Humble:** “And don’t think you know it all!” (Vs. 16c NLT) “Never be wise in your own sight.” (Vs. 16c ESV)
      1. Don’t have an exaggerated sense of your abilities or importance.
      2. Admit when you are wrong and apologize.
      3. Stop trying to be right all the time.

Key Thought:
- Don’t be **Critical** of other people.
- Don’t be **Conceited** toward other people.
- Don’t be **Condescending** to other people.

II. **Our Actions to those who have Injured You:**
   A. **Resist Evening the Score:** “Never pay back evil with more evil.” (Vs. 17a NLT) “Don’t hit back” (Vs. 17a MSG)
      1. Call the offense what it is, evil, wrong, sinful.
      2. Does not mean overlooking the offense.
      3. Choose not to take matters into your own hands.
      4. Give room for God to work.
   B. **Remember the Right Thing to Do:** “Give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.” (Vs. 17b ESV)
      1. Play out the ramifications of revenge.
      2. Vengeance continues the vicious cycle.
      3. Remember our actions affect those around us.
   C. **Reconciliation is the Goal:** “If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” (Vs. 18 ESV)
      1. Be willing to take the first step.
      2. Recognize the Responsibility Boundary.
      3. Live Set Free all the while trusting God.
Key Thought:

- Don’t be Consumed by other people.
- Don’t be Controlled by other people.
- Don’t be Constrained by other people.

Take Away: “Living life with a clear conscience is the fruit of a repentant heart and new life through Jesus Christ” - Brian Houston