

# BEYOND SUNDAY

BEEF TO RECONCILIATION: THE MESSY HISTORY OF CONFLICT AND FORGIVENESS  
FEBRUARY 17, 2020

## RECAP

On Sunday we dove into Genesis 33 and the story of reconciliation between Jacob and his brother Esau. Each of the selected texts this week's abbreviated version of Beyond Sunday look at reconciliation.

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## READINGS

*"But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept."*

Genesis 33:4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<a href="#">Matthew 5:21-26</a>	<a href="#">Acts 4:23-31</a>	<a href="#">Ephesians 2:11-22</a>	<a href="#">Titus 3:1-11</a>	<a href="#">1 John 3:11-24</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 6:25-34</a>

Questions to think about as you read:

1. From what is now known as the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus here is taking the command from Exodus and expanding upon it. How does this text and specifically verse 23 speak to reconciliation being at the heart of God?
2. We have questions like the one we see in verses 25 and 26 (which is quoted from Psalm 2). What is the response of the believers in the verses following? How can we follow their example?
3. On Sunday we talked about beef between two brothers- Jacob and Esau. Here is Ephesians we get beef between two people groups- the Jews and Gentiles. By reading the text what is some of the history of the beef you can detect? And then what image does Paul use to show reconciliation?
4. Here in Titus we are reminded to "Go do good." Sounds easy. But we know it's hard. How is reconciliation fit into going to do good? Read verses 5 and 6 again. What words point to reconciliation?
5. This text echoes Tuesday's reading of Matthew 5. What does John say someone who hates a brother or sister is? How does this make you feel? Scared? Afraid? Indifferent? What hope can be found in this text?
6. As you get ready to come to worship this morning read this text that we will dive into deeper. Pray that God opens your heart and mind to what he might be saying to you today and this week.
7. **Bonus:** I know we are past the Christmas season and we are most likely dreaming of warmer weather, but take a listen this week to the well know Christmas carol [Hark the Herald Angels Sing](#). Take note of the first verse what put of those lyrics stand out to you?

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