



THE HOLINESS OF HARD THINGS

The Holiness of Hard Things - Week 4

“God’s Reconciliation”

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

God always meets us on the road back to God

It’s the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Lent is a season of preparation, reflection, and repentance. It’s also a season when we can learn what it means to discover the holiness of hard things.

Today, we are going to read some mail from the Apostle Paul

And he made one of the most essential claims about reconciliation between God and us.

Truth & Reconciliation - Hand In Hand

After Apartheid - putting aside the need for revenge in favor of reconciliation.

Desmond Tutu’s work on forgiveness

What we need to be reconciled with the Divine. “About Face”

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2 Corinthians 5:16-21

- *The church at Corinth is a brief primer on Paul's struggles.*
- *There were divisions in the church and differences in theology.*
- *Paul’s overall view of what the Resurrection brings to us all.*
- *Reconciliation - Greek translates into “becoming another” or “radical change”*

We must be able to tell the truth about ourselves and discover God’s love for us.

A call back to the Prodigal Son story...

What It Takes

1. *Humility and Truth-Telling - being honest with ourselves*
2. *Willingness to Change - let go of what hasn’t worked for us.*
3. *Trust that God will find us on the road.*

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

Preparing For Easter

C.S. Lewis

A Way Other Than Our Own

Walter Brueggeman

Show Me The Way

Henri Nouwen

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