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Ministry of Reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18)

Jesus' work on the cross changes our identities from sinner to co-worker with God. Paul is the typical example of this radical change of his life and destiny through reconciliation with God. His entire life and ministry was to help people reconciled with God (salvation) and bring reconciliation between Jews and Gentiles which was beyond their understanding in the first century world. We know that he was in broken relationship with his fellow Jews, Barnabas and Mark and people in Corinth but he never gave up his personal reconciliation with them.

His life teaches us that reconciliation is our mission and ministry (2 Cor 5:18). Jesus' obedience was powerful enough to reconcile all the sinners with God. Paul's obedience was strong enough to reconcile Jews with Gentiles. God has given us the same mission and ministry for reconciliation.

Our little obedience can surely bring reconciliation for individuals, communities and even for the nations.