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Today's Word: reconciliation

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Lesson 35: "Be Ye Reconciled to God"

Are You:

- Having Family Home Evening Every Week?
- Saying Your Prayers Morning and Night?

Today's Scriptures

2 Corinthians



Next Week:

Lesson 36:

"Beloved of God,
Called to Be Saints"

Romans

Questions to Ponder

- How can our weaknesses help us receive strength from Jesus Christ?
- Why is godly sorrow an important part of repentance?

President Spencer W. Kimball explained:

"If one is sorry only because someone found out about his sin, his repentance is not complete. Godly sorrow causes one to want to repent, even though he has not been caught by others, and makes him determined to do right no matter what happens. This kind of sorrow brings righteousness and will work toward forgiveness" (*Repentance Brings Forgiveness* [pamphlet, 1984], 8).

President Gordon B. Hinckley said:

"We see the need for [forgiveness] in the homes of the people, where tiny molehills of misunderstanding are fanned into mountains of argument. We see it among neighbors, where insignificant differences lead to undying bitterness. We see it in business associates who quarrel and refuse to compromise and forgive when, in most instances, if there were a willingness to sit down together and speak quietly one to another, the matter could be resolved to the blessing of all. Rather, they spend their days nurturing grudges and planning retribution. ...

"If there be any who nurture in their hearts the poisonous brew of enmity toward another, I plead with you to ask the Lord for strength to forgive. This expression of desire will be of the very substance of your repentance. It may not be easy, and it may not come quickly. But if you will seek it with sincerity and cultivate it, it *will* come. ...

"... There is no peace in reflecting on the pain of old wounds. There is peace only in repentance and forgiveness. This is the sweet peace of the Christ, who said, 'blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.' (Matt. 5:9.)" ("Of You It Is Required to Forgive," *Ensign*, June 1991, 2, 5).

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