



***“The Ministry of  
Reconciliation -- Part 1”***

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**When it comes of the ministry of reconciliation, we as Christians should always:**

I. **REJOICE** in our work (v.23-24a; 2 Cor.4:8-18)

*“A Christian who has lost the joy of ministry and serving God does not have bad circumstances, but bad connections. You do not lose the joy of serving Christ unless your communion with Him, unless your relationship with Him, breaks down.”*

~ John MacArthur

*Sermon Notes (continued)*

II. **SACRIFICE** for others. (v.24b)

*In what ways am I sacrificing for Christ?  
Am I serving and volunteering on a regular basis here at this church?  
Am I investing my resources into the work that's being done for Christ?  
Am I reaching out to people and sharing with them the love of Christ, and, even in the midst of difficulties, am I striving to bring glory and honor to God?*

**My Next Steps:**

- This week, I will strive to put others above myself and serve them in a Christ-like way.
- This week, I will pray and have daily devotions in order to maintain and expand my Christian joy.
- Yes, I will volunteer to help out in some way with Vacation Bible School on June 21-25 (work event, donate supplies, give financially, etc.).
- When suffering comes into my life, I will pause and give thanks and praise to Jesus for the suffering He endured for me.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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