



FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION

FIRST: RECONCILIATION

(MATTHEW 5:23-24)

1 READ THE SCRIPTURE

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

- *Matthew 5:23-24*

2 CHOOSE AN IMAGE

Think of a relationship in your life that's broken or strained. Pick two images to the left that, together, best represent that relationship or how you feel about it.

3 REFLECT Ask some or all of these questions, depending on your context and timeframe

- Who came to mind when you were selecting two images, and why?
- Jesus places a high value on reconciliation and restored relationships—why is he so insistent on seeing healing in relationships?
- Tell about a time a strained relationship of yours was restored, and a story of a relationship that was never healed—what happened to produce the outcomes?
- If you were to take Jesus' words to heart, what's one thing you can do or say to the person represented by the images you chose?