



NEW TESTAMENT POSTCARDS
Reconciling Messy Relationships
Philemon verses 17-25 • Message #10

1. Intro

2. We reconcile relationships by _____ the
_____ into fellowship. (17)

3. We reconcile relationships by _____
the _____ between us. (18—19)

A. Removing the offense can require restitution.

B. Removing the offense requires honest self-reflection.

4. When reconciliation happens, spiritual _____
follows. (20)

A. Refreshment comes through witnessing reconciliation.

B. Refreshment comes through experiencing reconciliation
(2 Cor. 2:5—11).

C. Refreshment comes through pursuing reconciliation (Eph.
4:26-27).

5. When reconciliation happens, genuine
_____ flourishes. (21—22)

A. Our fellowship flourishes when we are confident in the
Spirit's work.

B. Our fellowship flourishes when we are hospitable.

C. Our fellowship flourishes when we pray for one another.

6. Conclusion:

Just a Moment

with Pastor Fred

Happy Father's Day. Jesus taught us to pray by calling God Father. We take these words for granted, but they would have been revolutionary in Jesus' day. The OT Jew saw God in terms as Father only in relation to the nation of Israel – never personally. Abraham never prayed to God as his Father; neither did Moses. God was the Sovereign-Creator-Father. The OT only refers to God as Father 14 times.

Jesus prayed in a radically different way. In the 4 gospels he addresses God as Father 60 times! No one in Israel's entire history prayed like this – *no one!* In fact, Jesus didn't use the formal Greek word for father for he spoke in Aramaic. He used a word that a child would say when addressing a father, *Abba*. *Abba* is difficult to translate, but it means something like daddy, papa, but in a more reverent tone, perhaps *dearest papa*. Jesus teaches us that God is the believer's Father.

Unfortunately, that is not comforting to some. Their father-image has nothing to do with security but terror. We often develop our perception of God based on our human fathers – a vengeful deity that easily explodes or a passive, sentimental figure who ignores our sins. Both are wrong. The only God that exists is the one the Bible proclaims. We must believe what the Scriptures teach.

While there are no perfect human fathers – our heavenly Father is perfect. He is superior in all his ways. A farmer was showing Charles Spurgeon his barn when the pastor noticed the weather vane read *God is Love*. Spurgeon asked, "Are you saying God's love is as fickle as the wind?" The farmer said, "No, I'm saying God's love is constant regardless of how the wind might blow. "

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called the children of God; and so we are..." 1John 3:1a



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Magnify

*the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his
name together!*

PSALM 34:3

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Bless the Lord O My Soul
Our Great God*

Missions Moment

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Scripture Reading & Pastoral Prayer

Reconciling Messy Relationships
Pastor Anthony Lange

His Mercy Is More
Benediction
Prayer Team

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Coming Up

June 28 – Jude verses 1-2, Pastor Fred

THE LORD’S DAY
June 21, 2026

Corporate worship is designed to remind us
that everything we use and depend on every
day has come from the hand of the Lord.



Nursery Schedule

Worship Service

Nursery: Randi Chaney & Karla Ruest
Toddler: Ronda VanSumeren, Kaylen Elliott, & Kali Lange

Today

10:00am Coffee & Fellowship
10:30am Worship

Wednesday, June 24

10:30am Senior Saints Bible Study
7:00pm Praise Team

Announcements

Happy Father’s Day. At the end of our service boys and girls will have some “Dad’s Root Beer” candies to give to our fathers.

Guest Services. Steven Blake is now the coordinator of guest services – insuring someone is in the back during the services, organizing greeters, unlocking and locking the doors, etc. Again, we thank Jan Peck who served in this capacity for many years.

Vacation. Pastor Anthony will be on vacation Monday through Sunday. The Langes close on their new house June 30.

Bells Furlough. Josh, Carrisa, Vesper and Lina fly back to the USA Friday and Saturday from Senegal. They will spend most of the summer out east where Josh’s family live. They will be back here in Michigan late summer, early fall.

Greeter’s Next Sunday
Barb Bush
Michael & Sarah Winnie

Guest Services
Today: Jan Peck
Next Sunday: Graig Hayes

Mowing This Week
Jim Chaney

Spanish American Mission
director, Doug Bytwerk will be our guest in the service next Sunday.

Elder-Deacon Meeting Tuesday, June 30 at 6:30pm downstairs.

Annual Church Picnic will be held July 5 after the service on the Auburn property weather-permitting. Please sign up on the table in the foyer to bring a side dish. The church will provide burgers and hot dogs. Feel free to bring a lawn chair. Our service will be held outside as well.

CEF Backyard Bible Club
July 20-24 on the Auburn property
10:30am - 12:00pm
See Cindy Price for more details

Sunday School /
Adult Bible Fellowship
Summer Recess

Classes resume
September 13.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Sydney deRoos June 21
Cindy Bettenhausen June 23
Cora Price June 23
Tom McKean June 25
ANNIVERSARY
Fred & Susan Froman June 23
Andrew & Hallie Myers June 24

Prayer Requests

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2

General Requests

- Josh & Carissa Bell - flying back to USA
- deRoos & Petkof on furlough
- The Clark family
- Counseling Ministry - certification & weekly appointments
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually / to reach out to others
- LEAD(SSi) - July 12-18/July 26-31; Joe, Charlie Ann & kids
- Kayleen Elliott – Barakel summer staff
- Isaac Elliott – Mexico missions trip

Physical Needs

- Amber Breinling (Lois Martin’s niece) - at home, chemotherapy
- Gina Golden - recovering from fall
- Kara deRoos (Ryan’s mother) - chemotherapy
- Kathy Lange (Anthony’s mother) - cancer recovery
- Nic Martin - pain management injections at UMH Sparrow
- Madge Bisel (Susan Elliot’s mother) - Dobie Road Rehab

Prayer of Comfort II Corinthians 1:3-5

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

Mission Focus of the Week

Fall Fest

Prayer For Our Government Officials

U.S. Supreme Court

Prayer Family of the Week

Chris, Starla, and Iliana Ordiway

Shut in of the Week

Clayton & Joanne Croy

“I don’t always feel God’s presence. But His promises do not depend upon my feelings, they rest on His integrity.”
– R.C. Sproul