How Reconciliation Leads to Restoration

Genesis 33:1-20

[Jacob's Reconciliation with Esau]

SERMON OUTLINE

I. **JACOB: SEEKING FORGIVENESS**

   A. RECAP: Jacob's ruptured relationship with Esau: struggle in utero, sale of birthright (Gen. 25), stealing of blessing (Gen. 27-28)

   B. Jacob's humble and contrite effort to seek **forgiveness**, marking a faith in God (33:1-11)

II. **ESAU: EXTENDING FORGIVENESS**

   A. RECAP: Esau had every reason to be angry and vengeful. (27:30-41)

   B. Esau's remarkable extension of **forgiveness**, demonstrating a work of God (33:1-16)

III. ***RECONCILE!***

   A. What specific actions can we take when **seeking** the forgiveness of others?

   B. What specific actions can we take when **extending** forgiveness to others?

CHIASTIC STRUCTURE: 33:9-11

A "I have plenty" (33:9)
B "find grace in your eyes" (33:10a)
C "and take my **present** from my hand" (33:10b)
D "for I see your face" (33:10c)
D' "as one sees the face of God" (33:10d)
C' "please take my **gift/blessing**" (33:11a)
B' "because God has been gracious to me" (33:11b)
A' "and because I have plenty" (33:11c)

SERMON NOTES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CAMERON