
Toward: our call and commission

John 20:21 "...As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

2 Corinthians 5:18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Redemptive Relating #3

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With—Your presence matters

For—You matter to me

Toward—Take the _____

(Redemptive relating: with, for, toward, in, up)

God Moves Toward People

God moves toward us

Exodus 2:23 During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God.

²⁴ God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. ²⁵ So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

God moves toward us despite our resistance

¹ Romans 3:10 As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; ¹¹ there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. ¹² All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

■ *Romans 10:21 All day long I have held out my hand to a stubborn and rebellious people.*

God moves toward us redemptively.

■ *John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

■ *John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

John 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

■ *John 3:19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.*

■ *John 3:20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.*

We Move Toward People

Jesus' example: Woman with the issue of blood

■ *Luke 8:40 Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him.⁴¹ Then a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house⁴² because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying. As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him.*

■ *Luke 8:43 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her.⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.*

Luke 8:45 "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you."

■ *Luke 8:46 But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."*

Luke 8:47 Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet.

■ *Luke 8:47 In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.⁴⁸ Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."*
