

THE ART OF BEING

UNORDINARY

■ ■ ■ ■ ▲ **HOW GOD CALLS US TO BREAK THE MOLD**

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Matthew 5:9

NLT

And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.

2 Corinthians 5:18

NLT

For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:19

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So we are Christ's ambassadors;
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A gentle answer deflects anger,
but harsh words make tempers
flare.

Proverbs 15:1

NLT

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of the messenger
who brings good news, the good
news of peace and salvation, the
news that the God of Israel
reigns!

Isaiah 52:7

NLT

For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:13

NLT

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

Romans 10:14

NLT

And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”

Romans 10:15

NLT

Do all that you can to live in
peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18

NLT

Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.

Hebrews 12:14

NLT

Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

1 Peter 3:11

NLT

“Reconciliation must be understood, therefore, as the movement of God’s love toward man which draws him within the embrace of that eternal communion of love which is God himself.”



“In this light we must think of Jesus Christ as the Mediator of divine revelation and reconciliation in virtue of what he is in his own personal Identity and Reality.

He does not mediate a revelation or a reconciliation that is other than what he is, as though he were only the agent or instrument of that mediation to mankind.

He embodies what he
mediates in himself, for what
he mediates and what he is
are one and the same.”

Thomas Torrence

“God loves you so utterly and completely that he has given himself for you in Jesus Christ as his beloved Son, and has thereby pledged his very Being as God for your salvation. In Jesus Christ God has actualized his unconditional love for



you in your human nature in such a once and for all way that he cannot go back upon it without undoing the Incarnation and the Cross and thereby deny himself.”

Thomas Torrence

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

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For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:21

NLT

A peace-worker:

- Acknowledges that he/she does not see the whole picture.
- Recognizes his/her biases.
- Doesn't assume motives.
- Avoids binary thinking.

A peace-worker:

- Regularly practices apology and forgiveness.
- Doesn't die on the hill of "rightness."
- Continually applies the message of the gospel to his/her own life.

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Now may the God of peace—
who brought up from the dead
our Lord Jesus, the great
Shepherd of the sheep, and
ratified an eternal covenant with
his blood—

Hebrews 13:20

NLT

may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! Amen.

Hebrews 13:21

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