

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment. One of the greatest experiences in life is the restoration of a broken relationship.

I have two friends who, for a period of time, were estranged from each other. Both were offended by the actions and talk of the other. To further complicate the matter, there were misunderstandings and things said by others that poured fuel on the fire. But there's a good ending. After several months of this wrangling back and forth, they both felt convicted, and they decided to do what they probably should've done at the very beginning. They called a meeting and met several times over the next couple of weeks, and they ironed things out. They forgave each other, and they asked God to forgive them. Their relationship was wonderfully restored.

When I think about that, I'm reminded that God is in the business of bringing people together. That's what we call reconciliation.

The Apostle Paul reminds us of that in Ephesians chapter 2, starting in verse 13. Listen to this mandate; “But now in Christ Jesus, you who were formerly far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.” Verse 16: “And might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross by it having put to death the enmity.”

Isn't that wonderful?! Because we've been reconciled with God, totally adjusted to a perfect standard by a perfect Savior through His death on the cross, we now can reach out in harmony and unity with our brothers and sisters in the body of Christ.

Here's what I want you to remember today. We were once enemies of God, but now we are His friends. We're members of His family. Let's reach out in love and forgiveness to our other family members.