

II Cor 5:17-21

Luke 4:14-21

Reading from II Corinthians — makes a connection between
ones reconciliation to life
and having a ministry of reconciliation.

I want to talk about that connection →

→ Since I last preached I shared in an occasion
on which a penetrating insight came as to the
nature of that connection.

I spent a couple of hours with a woman who was going through
a dark frightening journey.

Friends gathered around —
call her out of it
she keeps
keeps her head
asked her what she should do & think.

→ Lonely Darkness.
needing to know herself where she was —
not where she ought to be.

Reached the day of the finalizing of her divorce —

- marriage — coming apart over long period of years
- she had tried her best out.
- she had faced the fact (she thought)
after years of trying & failing — that it was
a failure — divorce the only alternative.

Bad Day comes along —

frightening family spells — no physical reason.
give up job
couldn't bear to be shamed to pick up pieces of day
from table pick up pieces
2 children — Evocation
— Present.

IF VISITING — Dark Gaily, reason —
come up different.

Complex — nature of these procedures repeated — cope —

LONG HISTORY — coping Tested should down —
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"Ever Since I was 10"

Wrote letter - Didn't mail it.

Barbed - Had to be known - Dark lonely country.

As so knew himself known - heart breaking -

Found gift - to have her heartbreak

reconciled her to life.

The unkind thing is no life

Country - makes a slave

only one come - have a heartbreak.

Keep her heart - have it break

was Found if a grasp - to have her heart-break

Troubled with gratitude

Should have to her dark country for a reason.

- had come up different.

- Dying - rising

- Mail her letter. telling of her dark night

Jack - This is what has no action a terminal -

"I have known this before.

Known Grief to be a gift.

Known deep gratitude that grief had been granted: -

- I have felt that this learning something I was meant to show

why training, - taking courses + worked some time!

prepare myself vocalness how a ministry - now working it
all plans slowing up.

SHE WAS MAKING A CONNECTION BETWEEN HER
RECONCILIATION TO LIFE AND A MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION.

"Failed at every turn"

SOMEHOW - CAUSING HER DISINTEGRATION

Making WRONG CONNECTION:

She confronted the gift of keeping her heart
by letting it break.

WITH WONDEROUS GRATITUDE

AND WAS CONFRONTED by the MINISTRY of Reconciliation
as an obligation

SHE Received the gift of a blood grab
saw the shining of this gift, as a YOU GOTTA.

Her Reconciliation To Life	-	Gift
Ministry of Reconciliation	-	BURDEN

WHERE AS — came to embrace together —

BOTH THE MINISTRY
and THE RECONCILIATION — GIFTS

Gratitude is the state in which witness is given — } there are
NOT OBLIGATION, } NOT
IDENTICAL

How can you witness to a gift — if you witness to an OBLIGATION
— gift — has a price — given — sold.

How can you witness that God bears us up if you have him
on your back?

Grace does not lay obligations — it generates gratitude.

Only a Grateful heart can communicate GOOD NEWS.

An Obligated heart can communicate only an Obligation