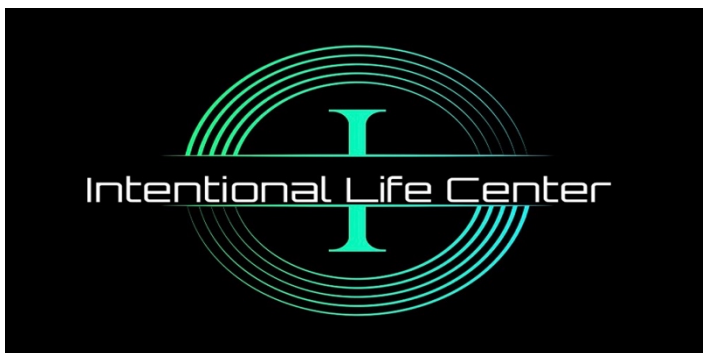




“We Can’t Leave This Like That!”

Intentional Relationships

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“Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ,... has given us the ministry of reconciliation,... and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5:18–19 (NKJV)

The **MINISTRY** of reconciliation gives us something to **DO**.

The **WORD** of reconciliation gives us something to **SAY**.

Not Leaving This Like That Means I Must...

1. Approach and Address the Broken Connection.

*“...If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First **go and be reconciled** to them; then come and offer your gift.” Matthew 5:23–24 (NIV)*

*“If your fellow believer [brother (or sister)] sins against you, **go and tell him what he did wrong**; just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.” Matthew 18:15 (EXB/NIV)*

**“Address what happened before
you Assign what it means.”**

2. Forgive the Offense.

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

"Forgiveness doesn't deny what happened. It determines what I will do with what happened."

3. Rebuild and Redefine the Relationship.

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." Romans 12:18 (NIV)

Rebuild Asks: "What can **WE** responsibly rebuild?"

Redefine Asks: "What should **OUR** relationship look like now and **WHY?**"

"Rebuilt trust grows at the speed of demonstrated trustworthiness."

 **Reflection Question:** *"Is there a broken connection in my life that God is leading me to respond to differently?"*

 **Remember This:** "The goal of reconciliation isn't always getting the relationship **BACK**. It's getting the relationship **RIGHT**."

"You are an image maker...creating wealth, attracting resources, and transforming lives for God's glory!"
