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The lie we sometimes tell ourselves -

"I don't _____."

The losing battle worth fighting -

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

2 Corinthians 5:14 (NIV11)

And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. **2 Corinthians 5:15 (NIV11)**

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

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NIV11)

that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **2 Corinthians 5:19 (NIV11)**

Reconciliation is in _____

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. **2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV2011)**

In our stubbornness we say... You can be reconciled to God in spite of your sin.

But you _____ be reconciled to me

because of your _____.

Our Objections

1. It's just so _____.

2. I feel like I'll be _____....

3. It's _____ going to _____

For Christ's love compels us... 2 Corinthians 5:14 (NIV11)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-20 and meditate on their implications for you.
- Ask God to help my relationships be characterized by acceptance, despite past offenses and current differences.
- Open the door and take practical steps this week in my relationship with _____.
- Receive the work of reconciliation that Christ did on my behalf by receiving him as my Savior and Lord.