

ANGER, BITTERNESS & RECONCILIATION

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Put it into practice...

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Are there people in your life you need to be reconciled with? (Remembering reconciliation does not always equal restoration.)

What are you going to do about it?

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