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“Diversity and racial reconciliation are not purely modern inventions of secular society to deal with global migration and respond to changing social and cultural demographics. It’s not just the latest thing the church and society have to deal with. It is the unveiling and revealing of something that was and is at the very heart of God’s purpose for the world and has been on His heart from the very beginning.”

Crossing the Divide, Owen Hylton

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Ephesians 3:9-10 NIVUK

“To make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,”



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Acts 11:19-23 NIVUK

“Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord’s hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.”



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Galatians 2:11-14 NIVUK

“When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

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Acts 2:42-47 NIVUK

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



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Acts 13:1-3 NIVUK

“Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ So, after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.”



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There are three potential barriers to a reconciled church:

- **Pragmatism** - *by continuing to prioritise what appears to work, over what is right.*
- **Traditionalism** - *by protecting and preserving our values.*
- **Pride** - *by refusing to listen and believe and instead pursuing our own agenda.*

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Category 1

Don't see racial reconciliation as a gospel issue or a necessary aspiration for all church communities

Category 2

Kind of see this as a gospel issue....in a limited way

Category 3

Totally see this as a gospel issue