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Roadmap to the Reconciliation Reading Report.

There are so many reasons that inspire people to write books, in order to express their feelings base on the reality of their daily lives. These reasons that cause people to write books sometimes may come from their own personal experiences or someone else's experiences that they have been witness, and because those books writers are found themselves in disagreements with situations or concepts of the society in which they are living, they write these books as the expression of their contempt and also they help others through their writing to find out about the reality of inequality and racial bias that dominates the community. That is the reason why we are about to do a book report on the roadmap to reconciliation written by Dr. Brenda McNeil, in which I will express my point of view about the true reality of racial differences and inequality, which make people see each other as foes.

I have the opportunity to read, the roadmap to reconciliation, and I have agreed with McNeil who emphasized the real situation that many of us living with today, which is the racial tension, that is taking in our community today. So, for this reason in her book Brenda talks about racial reconciliation, which is very crucial for almost everyone that lives in the face of the earth today. Because in one way or the other, from every nation or race or

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group of ethnicities, racial differences exist, which is not a problem, but the problem is, how do we treat others who are not the same as us? For example, in our finances, in our education or our color. So, what racial reconciliation really is and how can it be possible? Some people may have a different view and opinion about the concept of racial reconciliation, like Brenda mentioned in her book, some people have a very negative reaction to the word of reconciliation for a different reason. Like they feel fear, guilt or shame when they hear the word reconciliation, because of experiences they've had in the past. Meanwhile, some hold the term in a very positive light. In order to justify their racial bias and prejudice. They take pleasure in abusing and oppressing others through their financials and political powers. Because of the racial and color differences that exist in our community, I agreed with McNeil on her definition of the term reconciliation, where she defines the term reconciliation as intercultural competence. I think in order for the term reconciliation to take place, there must have mutual considerations and mutual forgiveness and justice, as per the biblical views, because it was always been in God's plan for the term reconciliation to take place, that is the reason why after the fall of humanity in the garden of Eden Gen 3:1-18. God Himself made the plan for reconciliation in giving Jesus-Christ His only begotten Son as the ultimate sacrifice on the Calvary cross to redeem man back to God and create a relationship between man and man. So, I realize the book roadmap to reconciliation should be read by many people because, in this book, there are so many resources for those who want to deal with the concept of racial reconciliation like the power of catalytic events for example group effort like doing justice, corporate worship when we value others more than ourselves, paying attention to others and care for others. Now we can talk about reconciliation when

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we reach the point to allow others who are not the same color and background ethnicity like us, not only to be our brother in the Lord but to be our brother-in-law.

In fact, I highly appreciate and enjoy reading the roadmap to reconciliation book written by Dr.Brenda, which enable me to find out the real cause which makes the racial tension in our community, so racial reconciliation is possible if there is a mutual agreement, and if we do not only satisfy ourselves by embellishing the idea of racial reconciliation but put that idea into application.

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