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Introduction to Racial Reconciliation

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### Interaction and Critique

Reading the book “Roadmap to Reconciliation” by Brenda Salter McNeil, there were so many things that resonated with me that she spoke about and it also touched me in so many ways, especially my spiritual life. Brenda’s goal is to inspire and wake up the people in the church to bring more attention to reconciliation. Brenda wants to teach Christians to be able to bring reconciliation to this world by faith and Justice. Through this book also trains an emerging generation of leaders to arise and stand up for each other.

“Roadmap to Reconciliation” reveals many problems in the churches that need to be changed but also spiritual expectations need to change. To be able to change the worldview of reconciliation it starts with leaders in churches to teach about reconciliation more and how everyone should come together as one in Christ and be able to spread the word of God to all nations but this can only happen when all come to the same understanding of reconciliation.

I agree with everything that the author Brenda had spoken about in the book “Roadmap to Reconciliation”. But I especially agree with Brenda when she spoke about, “ Reconciliation is an ongoing spiritual process involving forgiveness, repentance, and justice that restores broken relationships and systems to reflect God’s original intention for all creation to flourish”. For

reconciliation to really happen is when Christians start to heal wounds that were never healed in the past. I believe it is an ongoing spiritual process that we need to go through to be able to restore relationships with others and to be able to bring people together and reconciliation. It is so sorrowful that Christians are the main ones that failed in reconciling together because all the different denominations we separate each other to worship God. To be able to change this problem we need to have “ A shift in perspective”, us as Christians we need to be able to start to think like Christ and also see in the perspective as Christ does. The perspective of Christ for, “All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name” ( Psalm 86:9). We should be able to worship all together and not indifferent denominations because we are all in one in Christ.

In the book, Brenda gave me deeper theology to things that need to change in our current ministry. I think we need to spread the word that God wants reconciliation and this can be able to open Christian people's eyes to change their perspective of the way of doing things in the church and how we should teach everyone as the same because at the end of the day whoever believes in Jesus Christ this makes us one together because we are one in the body of Christ. We need to be able to see that we are all one in Jesus' eyes. So ministries need to be able to reconcile with everyone just like Jesus did because he was able to connect with everyone and us as Christians should want to be more Christ-like each day. Reconciliation is an emerging thing that needs to happen in the Churches but also throughout the world and it is our job as Christians to bring and give examples of reconciliation.