

## ME & THE OTHER

John 13:34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

### Resolving Conflict In Relationships

#### The Root Of Conflict

James 4:1 What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you?

#### How We React To Conflict

When Conflict Will Not Be Resolved

The Resistance To Resolution

#### Resolving Conflict

##### Call On God For Help

There Are Three Areas That You Must Have Right With God

Your Heart - Your Head - Your Hope

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#### My Part Of The Conflict

Matthew 7:1 “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged.

2 For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged.

3 “And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?

4 How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can't see past the log in your own eye?

5 Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.

1 John 1:8 If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.

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#### A Peace Conference

Matthew 5:23 “So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you,

24 leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 4:29 Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

Colossians 3:8 But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language.

9 Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds.

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#### Their Perspective

Proverbs 18:2 Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions.

Romans 15:1 We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves.

Proverbs 12:15 Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others.

1 Corinthians 13:5 ...It does not demand its own way.

Philippians 2:3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

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#### On Reconciliation Not Resolution

James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.

18 And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

Romans 12:16 Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

17 Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.

18 Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

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#### Keep Loving The Other

Lamentations 3:22 The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease.

1 Corinthians 13:7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Romans 15:5 May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus.

6 Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.