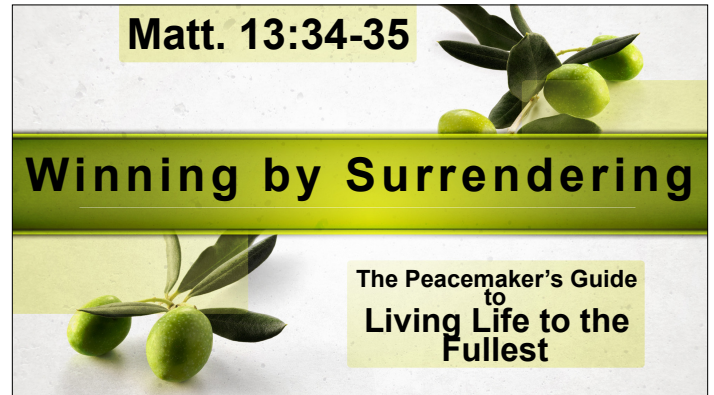
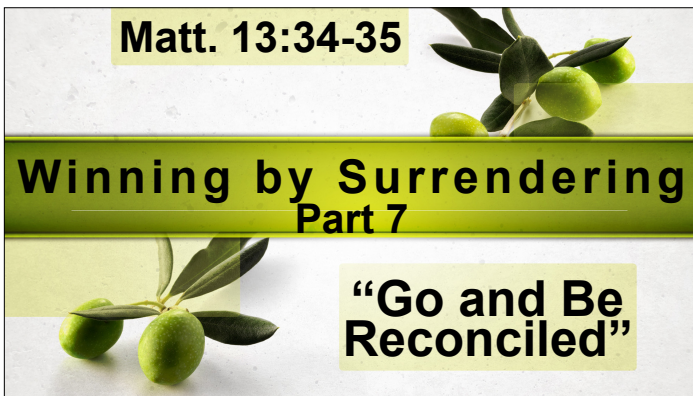




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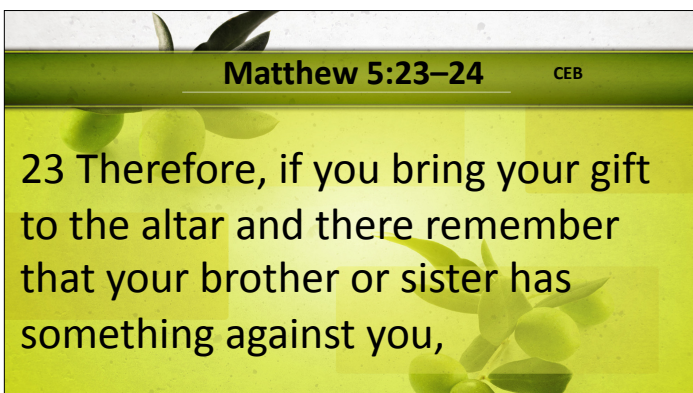
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Instead of accepting premature compromise or allowing relationships to wither, we will actively pursue genuine peace and reconciliation—forgiving others as God, for Christ’s sake, has forgiven us, and seeking just and mutually beneficial solutions to our differences.

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The Cost of Avoidance

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Matthew 18:15–20

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15 “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you’ve won over your brother or sister.

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Matthew 18:15–20

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16 But if they won’t listen, take with you one or two others so that every word may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses.

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17 But if they still won’t pay attention, report it to the church. If they won’t pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector.

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18 I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven.

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19 Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you.

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20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them."

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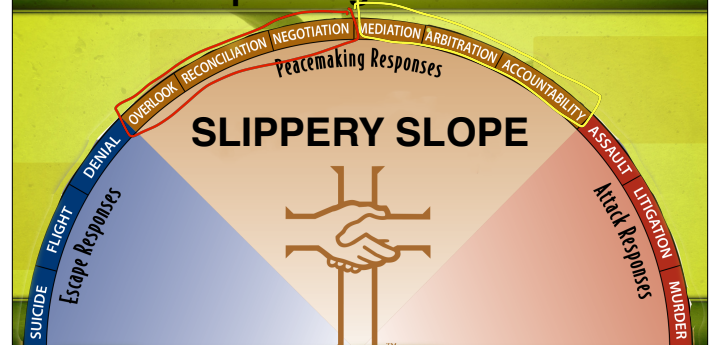
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Crucial Elements When Seeking Help

- Keep the circle of people involved in a conflict as **small** as possible for as **long** as possible.
- Make every effort not to give them unnecessary **details** about the conflict.
- Only when you and the other person are both **present** should you give a detailed explanation of your perceptions.

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Responding to Conflict



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Peacemaking Responses

- **Personal steps**

- Overlook - (Col. 3:13)
- Reconcile - (Matt. 5:23-24; Matt 18:15)
- Negotiation - (Phil 2:4)

- **Assisted steps**

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- Arbitration - (1 Cor. 6:4)
- Accountability - (Matt. 18:17)

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Acts 15:36–41

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36 Some time later, Paul said to Barnabas, “Let’s go back and visit all the brothers and sisters in every city where we preached the Lord’s word. Let’s see how they are doing.”

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Acts 15:36–41

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37 Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with them.

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Acts 15:36–41

38 Paul insisted that they shouldn’t take him along, since he had deserted them in Pamphylia and hadn’t continued with them in their work.

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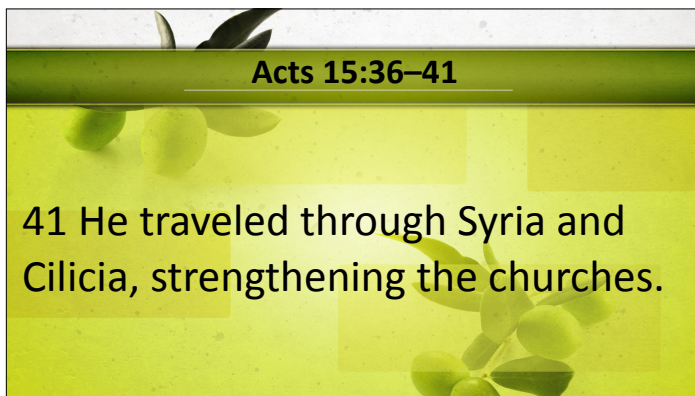
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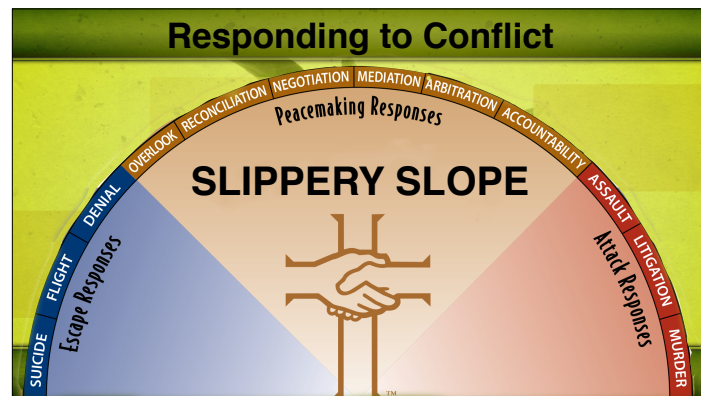
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40 Paul chose Silas and left, entrusted by the brothers and sisters to the Lord’s grace.

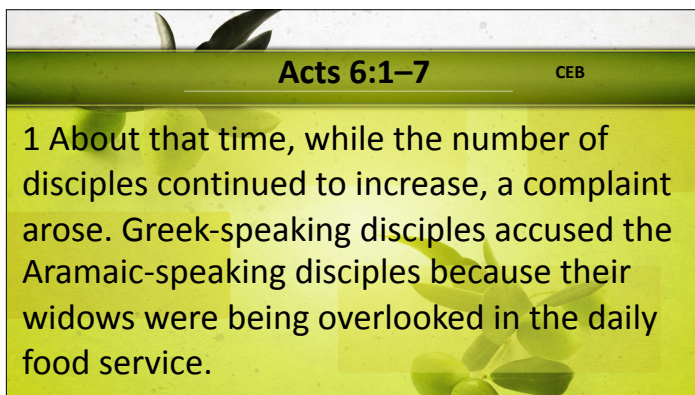
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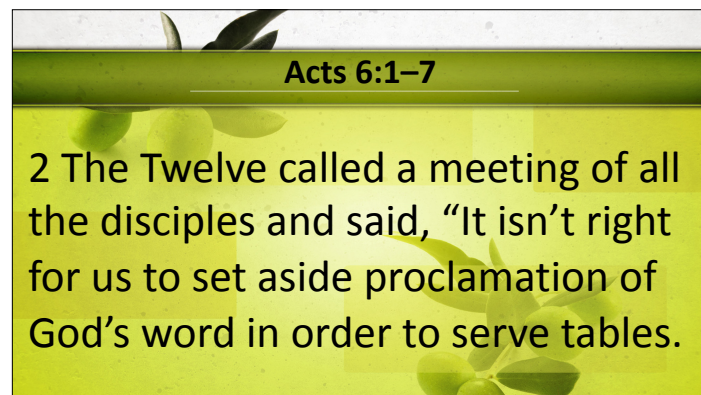
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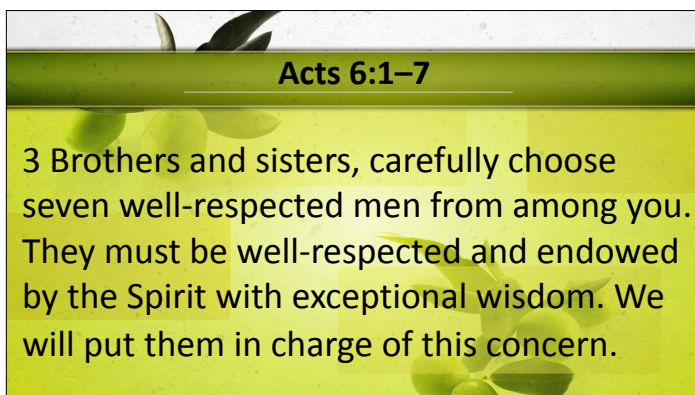
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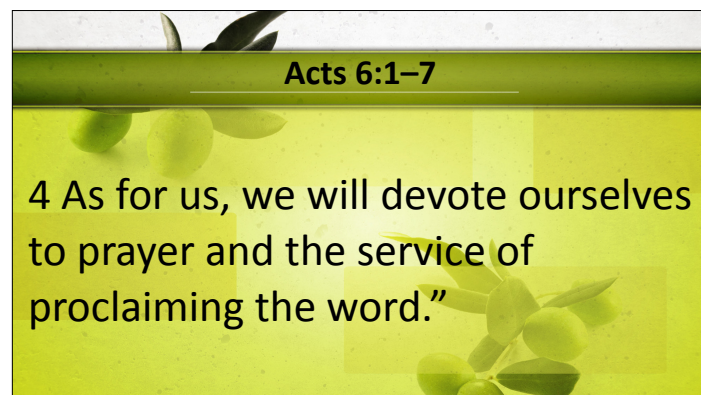
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Acts 6:1-7

5 This proposal pleased the entire community. They selected Stephen, a man endowed by the Holy Spirit with exceptional faith, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

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Acts 6:1-7

6 The community presented these seven to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

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Acts 6:1-7

7 God's word continued to grow. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased significantly. Even a large group of priests embraced the faith.

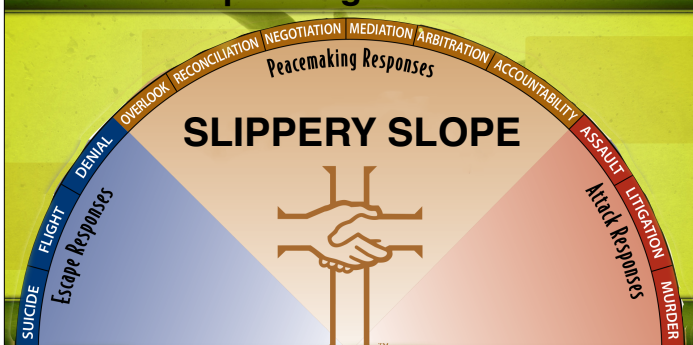
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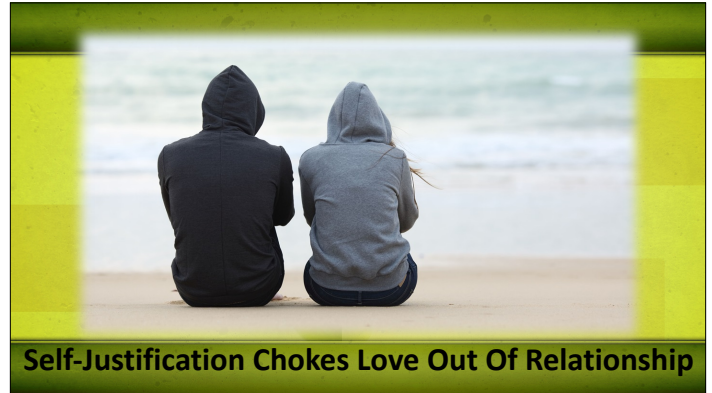
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Philippians 2:3–4

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3 Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. 4 Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others.

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Self-Justification Chokes Love Out Of Relationship

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John 13:34–35

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34 "I give you a new commandment: **Love** each other. Just as I have **loved** you, so you also must **love** each other. 35 This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you **love** each other."

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Ephesians 4:32

CEB

Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ.

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Live Well and Love Well

(John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:32)

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Applied to our Lives

- End self-justification.
- Love each other
- Forgive each other
- Go and Be Reconciled
- Seek help
- Start today

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