



Matthew 7:1-5

Winning by Surrendering

The Peacemaker's Guide
to
Living Life to the
Fullest

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Winning by Surrendering Part 3

"Get the Log
Out of Your Eye"

Matthew 7:1 CEB

1 "Don't judge, so that you won't be judged."

A Biblical View of Conflict

- Conflict
- A difference in opinion or purpose that frustrates someone's goals or desires.

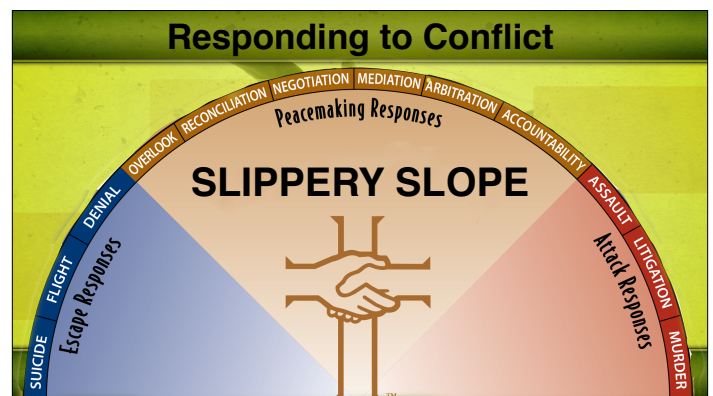
God made us to live life to the fullest.
(John 10:10)

Conflict is not necessarily bad.

Conflict is natural and it can be beneficial.

Unhealthy conflict is an impediment to living life to the fullest.

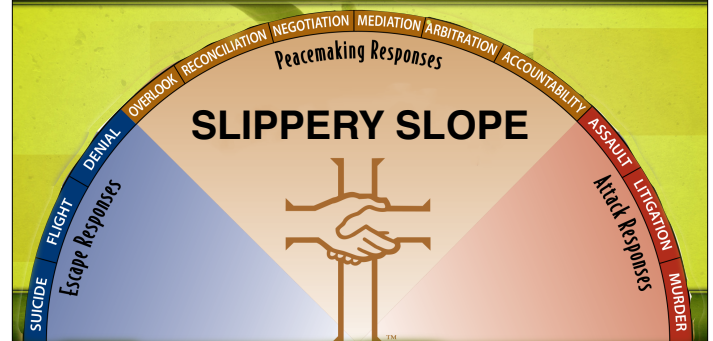
We are being called to a ministry of reconciliation.



Biblical Ways to Deal With Conflict

- Surrender to Christ. (Col. 3:12-15)
- Make every effort to maintain peace. (Eph. 4:3)
- **Four G's of peacemaking**
 1. Glorify God (1 Cor. 10:31)
 2. Get the Log Out of Your Eye (Matt. 7:1-5)

Responding to Conflict



Matthew 7:3

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3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

Matthew 7:4

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4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?

Matthew 7:5

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5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Being smarter won't help you see your own junk.

Cognitive sophistication does not attenuate the bias blind spot.

-West, R. F., Meserve, R. J., & Stanovich, K. E. (2012). Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 103(3), 506-519.

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.”

Acts 15:36–41

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37 Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with them.

Acts 15:36–41

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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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39 Their argument became so intense that they went their separate ways. Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus.

Acts 15:36–41

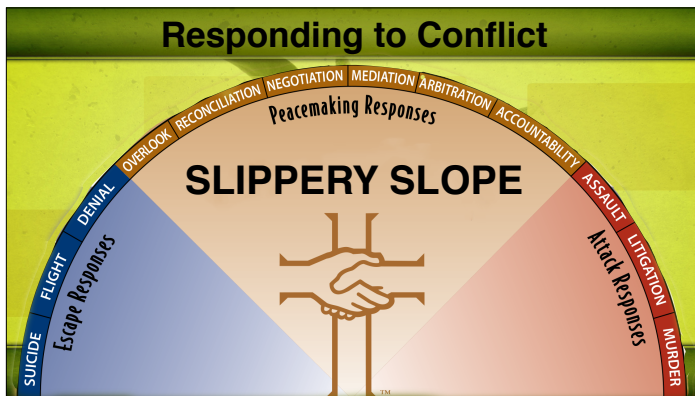
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40 Paul chose Silas and left, entrusted by the brothers and sisters to the Lord’s grace.

Acts 15:36–41

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41 He traveled through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.



Colossians 3:5–14

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5 So put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth, such as sexual immorality, moral corruption, lust, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).

Colossians 3:5–14

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6 The wrath of God is coming upon disobedient people because of these things.

Colossians 3:5–14

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7 You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things.

Colossians 3:5–14

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8 But now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language.

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9 Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices

10 and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to the image of the one who created it.

11 In this image there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all things and in all people.

12 Therefore, as God's choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

13 Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other.

14 And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Let us take a stand to remove **impediments** to reconciliation.

Let us commit to living new lives as **peacemakers** who are **patient**, **tolerant**, **forgiving**, and **loving**. (Col. 3:5-14)

