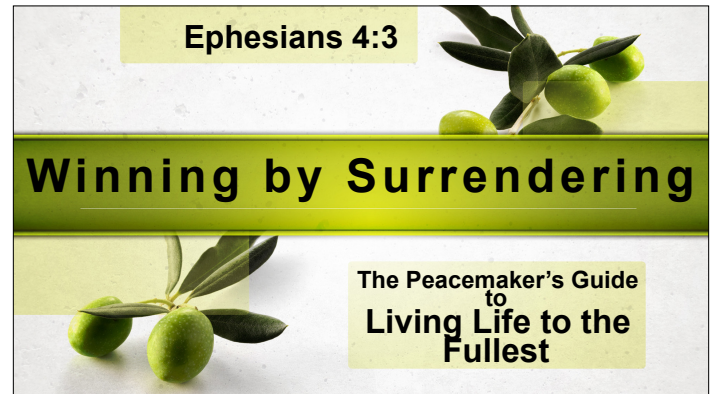
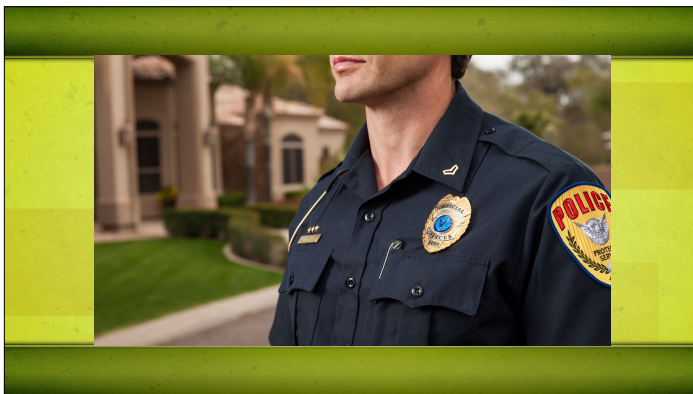




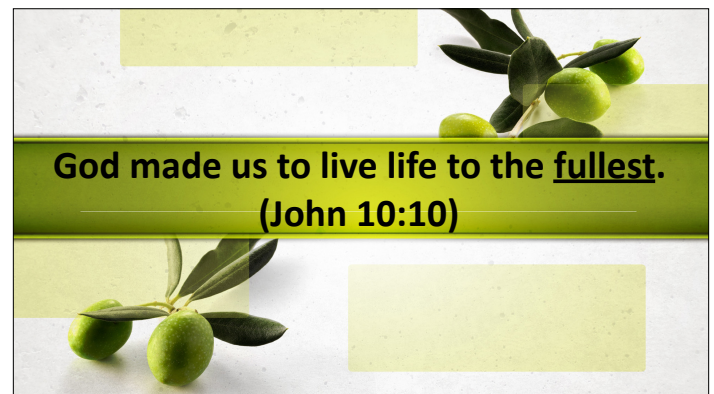
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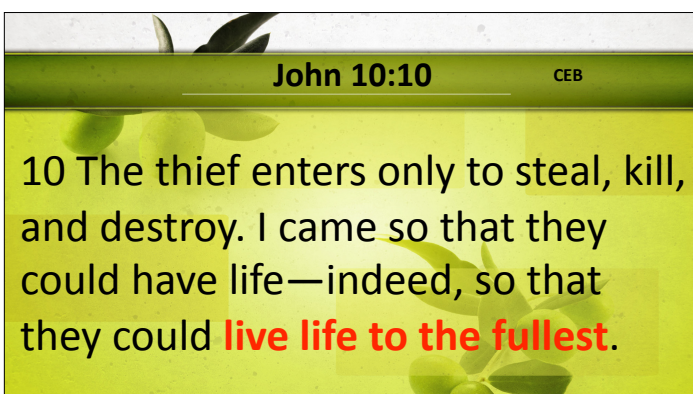
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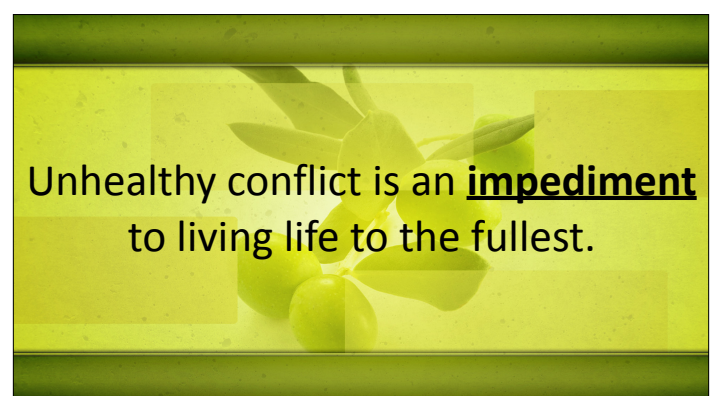
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Conflict

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A Biblical View of Conflict

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

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The four primary causes of conflict.

1. Poor **Communication**
2. **Differences** in values, goals, gifts, calling, priorities, expectations, interests, or opinions.
3. **Competition** over limited resources, such as time or money.
4. Can be caused or aggravated by sinful **attitudes** and **habits** that lead to sinful words and actions.

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Conflict is not **necessarily** bad.

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Conflict is **natural** and it can be **beneficial**.

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Responses to conflict

Escape responses
Attack responses

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Escape Responses

Denial
Flight
Suicide

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Attack responses

Assault
Litigation
Murder

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Peacemaking responses (Matthew 18)

- Overlook an offense
- Reconciliation
- Negotiation
- Mediation
- Arbitration
- Accountability

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Joshua 22:10

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They came to the districts of the Jordan that are in the land of Canaan. The people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh built an altar there by the Jordan, an altar that appeared to be immense.

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Joshua 22:11–12

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11 Then the Israelites heard a report: “Look. The people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh have built an altar at the far edge of the land of Canaan. It lies in the districts of the Jordan on the Israelite side!” 12 When the Israelites heard this, the entire Israelite community assembled at Shiloh to go up to war against them.

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Joshua 22:16

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They said, “Here is what the Lord’s entire community says: ‘What’s this disrespectful thing that you’ve done to the God of Israel? Today you’ve turned away from following the Lord by building yourselves an altar as an act of rebellion against the Lord.’

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Joshua 22:23–27

CEB

23 If we’ve built ourselves an altar to turn away from following the Lord or to offer on it an entirely burned offering or gift offering, or to perform well-being sacrifices on it, let the Lord himself seek punishment.

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Joshua 22:23–27

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24 No! The truth is we did this out of concern for what might happen. In the future your children might say to our children, ‘What have you got to do with the Lord the God of Israel?’

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Joshua 22:23–27

CEB

25 The Lord has set the Jordan as a border between us and you people of Reuben and Gad. You have no portion in the Lord!’ So your children might make our children stop worshipping the Lord.

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Joshua 22:23–27

CEB

26 As a result we said, ‘Let’s protect ourselves by building an altar. It isn’t to be for an entirely burned offering or for sacrifice.’

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Joshua 22:23–27

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27 But it is to be a witness between us and you and between our descendants after us. It witnesses that we too perform the service of the Lord in his presence through our entirely burned offerings, sacrifices, and well-being offerings. So in the future your children could never say to our children, ‘You have no portion in the Lord.’

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Joshua 22:31

CEB

31 So Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the people of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh, “Today we know that the Lord is among us, because you haven’t done a disrespectful thing against the Lord. Now you’ve delivered the Israelites from the power of the Lord.”

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Joshua 22:34

CEB

34 The people of Reuben and Gad referred to the altar in this way: “It is a witness between us that the Lord is God.”

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Source of Conflict

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James 4:1–2

CEB

1 What is the source of conflict among you? What is the source of your disputes? Don’t they come from your cravings that are at war in your own lives? 2 You long for something you don’t have, so you commit murder. You are jealous for something you can’t get, so you struggle and fight. You don’t have because you don’t ask.

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Harmful conflict is usually triggered by unmet **desires**. (James 4:1-2)

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Even **good** desires can evolve into controlling demands or idols that lead us to judge others and then avoid or punish them until we get what we want (Luke 10:38-42).

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The Key to Peace -
Winning by Surrendering to **Christ**

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Colossians 1:19–20

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19 Because all the fullness of God was pleased to live in him,

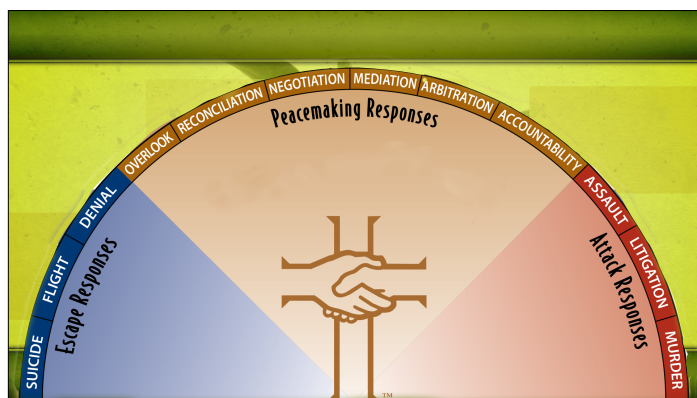
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Colossians 1:19–20

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20 and he reconciled all things to himself through him— whether things on earth or in the heavens. He brought peace through the blood of his cross.

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Christ is our peace. (Eph. 2:14-16)

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Ephesians 2:14-16

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14 Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group. With his body, he broke down the barrier of hatred that divided us.

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Ephesians 2:14-16

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15 He canceled the detailed rules of the Law so that he could create one new person out of the two groups, making peace.

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Ephesians 2:14-16

CEB

16 He reconciled them both as one body to God by the cross, which ended the hostility to God.

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We then are compelled to foster peaceful relationships with others.
(Phil. 2:1-2)

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Philippians 2:1–2

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1 Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy,

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Philippians 2:1–2

CEB

2 complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other.

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The gospel is **transformative**, and compels us to respond differently during conflict. (Col. 3:12-15)

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Colossians 3:12–15

CEB

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

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Colossians 3:12–15

CEB

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.

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Colossians 3:12–15

CEB

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

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Colossians 3:12–15

CEB

15 The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people.

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The personal growth that comes from surrendering to Christ is gained through a daily **process**. (2 Cor. 3:18)

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2 Corinthians 3:18

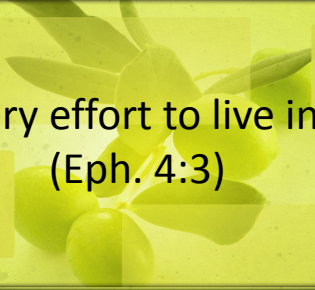
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18 All of us are looking with unveiled faces at the glory of the Lord as if we were looking in a mirror. We are being transformed into that same image from one degree of glory to the next degree of glory. This comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

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How to live life to the fullest?

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Make every effort to live in **peace**.
(Eph. 4:3)

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Ephesians 4:3

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3 Make every effort to keep the
unity of the Spirit through the bond
of peace.

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Take a stand for Christ

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