

Winning by Surrendering Part 7 Go and Be Reconciled

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Matthew 18:15–20

Winning by Surrendering Sermon Series

Biblical Ways to Deal With Conflict

- Make every effort to maintain peace. (Eph. 4:3)
- Surrender to Christ. (Col. 3:12-15)
- Four G's of peacemaking
 1. Glorify God (1 Cor. 10:31)
 2. Get the Log Out of Your Eye (Matt. 7:1-5)
 3. Gently Restore (Gal. 6:1)
 4. Go and Be Reconciled (Matt. 5:23-24)

Go and Be Reconciled

- 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.

Five Principle Steps of Reconciliation from Matt. 18

1. Overlook Minor Offenses
2. Talk in Private
3. Take One or Two Others Along
4. Tell It to the Church (Church Accountability)
5. Treat as a Nonbeliever

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.

Peacemaking Responses

- Personal steps
 - Overlook - Col. 3:13
 - Reconcile - Matt. 5:23-24; Matt 18:15
 - Negotiation - Phil 2:4
- Assisted steps
 - Mediation - Matt. 18:16
 - Arbitration - 1 Cor. 6:4
 - Accountability - Matt. 18:17

Examples of Conflict

- Paul and John Mark (Acts 15:36-41)
- Caring for Greek speaking widows (Acts 6:1-7)

Live Well and Love Well (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:32)

Applied to Our Lives

- End self-justification. (Phil. 2:3-4)
- Love each other. (Matt. 13:34-35)
- Forgive each other. (Eph. 4:32)
- Go and Be Reconciled. (Matt. 5:23-24)
- Seek help
- Start today