

# CONFLICT RESOLUTION

GOD'S WISDOM FOR HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

## Going for the Win!

[Selected Scriptures]

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*When it comes to personal conflict we typically choose to fight or flee. Those of us who flee want to avoid the conflict, hoping that it will just go away. Those of us who like a good fight tend to blast our way through the conflict leaving relational carnage in our wake glad to have been proven right! Neither approach brings about a win.*

### Clarifying the win:

- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- 1 Corinthians 10:31

### Pay attention to your approach:

- Matthew 7:3-5
- Galatians 6:1
- Matthew 18 (context)
- Romans 12: 17-18
- Ephesians 4:15, 25-27

### What are the biblical steps for dealing with conflict?

1 When I am the offender – Matthew 5:23-24

2 When I have been offended  
– Matthew 18:15-20

3 When I am neither the offended or the offender, but I am a friend of both – Philemon

THE ONE THING: Go for the win!  
Don't sabotage the Gospel!

# taking it home

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family & personal study  
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## keeping it real

1 Share a conflict story from your life that you consider a victory and one that you consider a defeat. What is the difference? Is it possible to win and yet lose or to lose and somehow win?

## look at the book

2 Without a doubt, if reconciliation is to occur it must be bathed in forgiveness. Read the story Jesus tells in Matthew 18:21-35.

- a. What is the key to genuinely forgiving others?
- b. Finish this statement: "Forgiveness is not..."
- c. What does refusing to forgive imply?

3 Take a look at the New Testament postcard called Philemon. Identify the three main characters.

- a. Which character represents you in terms of the big picture of the Gospel?
- b. Who would the other two characters represent?
- c. What is the price of reconciliation?

## the next step

4 Has anyone suddenly come to your mind as you have been reading these verses on forgiveness and reconciliation? Is there someone you need to humbly and privately approach so you can be reconciled? Do you have friends that you need to risk bringing together?

### my next step this week is to:

- Memorize Mathew 5:23-24.
- Read the Book of Philemon this week.
- Pursue reconciliation with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_