

"Resolving & Responding to Conflict God's Way" (Various Scriptures)

To resolve conflict and heal relationships, we must follow the path that God has prescribed. Only his way brings restoration, provides hope, and deepens relationships. The world's way brings greater destruction, provides only despair, and deepens rifts.

We aren't very good at peacemaking historically. Why? (Jer 17:9)

1. _____ God

See Eph 4; 1 Cor 6:20

TRUST HIM (Prov 3:5-7)

OBEY HIM (Jn 15:8)

IMITATE HIM (Eph 5:1; Mt 5:16)

ACKNOWLEDGE HIM (Phil 2:13)

2. Get the Log Out Of _____

See Mt 7:5; Gen 3; Prov 17:14; 19:11; Eph 4:2; Ps 139:23-34

Two Questions:

- A. Is what happened **truly** an offense?
- B. Is it something that is just abrasive to my **personality & preferences**?

Can I Overlook This?

- A. Is it going to create a wall between you & the other person or change how you feel about them?
- B. Has it harmed God's reputation, that of others, or of the offender in some way?

REACTIONS –

3. _____ Restore

LISTEN (Jas 1:19) –

REFLECT –

SPEAK (Prov 12:18) –

“I” Statements & Objectivity –

4. Go & Be _____

See Col 3:13

FORGIVENESS IS NOT...

A Feeling –

Forgetting –

Excusing –

FORGIVENESS IS...

A Decision/Choice –

A Promise to...

Not dwell on the incident

Not bring it up again or use it against the person

Not talk about it with others

Not let it stand between me & them

CONCLUSION

See Eph 4:1