

Learn to Resolve Conflict

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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Celebrate Summer Series

Let God Use Me

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"Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil."

Ephesians 4:25–27 ESV

**If we are going to pray the prayer God Use Me....
I Must Be Resolving Conflict!**

Promote Godly Actions

"Now Absalom, David's son, had a beautiful sister, whose name was Tamar. And after a time Amnon, David's son, loved her."

2 Samuel 13:1 ESV

"And Amnon was so tormented that he made himself ill because of his sister Tamar, for she was a virgin, and it seemed impossible to Amnon to do anything to her."

2 Samuel 13:2 ESV

"But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's brother. And Jonadab was a very crafty man. And he said to him, 'O son of the king, why are you so haggard morning after morning? Will you not tell me?' Amnon said to him, 'I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister.'"

2 Samuel 13:3–4 ESV

"Jonadab said to him, 'Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, 'Let my sister Tamar come and give me bread to eat, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat it from her hand.' " So Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill. And when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, "Please let my sister Tamar come and make a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand.'"

2 Samuel 13:5–6 ESV

“And he said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come!” Luke 17:1 ESV

“Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, “Go to your brother Amnon’s house and prepare food for him.”” 2 Samuel 13:7 ESV

**When I let My emotion drive decisions
I Am Inviting Disaster into My Life!**

“But he would not listen to her, and being stronger than she, he violated her and lay with her.” 2 Samuel 13:14 ESV

“Then Amnon hated her with very great hatred, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, “Get up! Go!”” 2 Samuel 13:15 ESV

Lust never delivers on its promise!

Any Lust will Destroy You!

Be A Conflict Resolver

Her Brother Fails to Deal with the Issue Biblically

“And her brother Absalom said to her, “Has Amnon your brother been with you? Now hold your peace, my sister. He is your brother; do not take this to heart.” So Tamar lived, a desolate woman, in her brother Absalom’s house.” 2 Samuel 13:20 ESV

“But Absalom spoke to Amnon neither good nor bad, for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had violated his sister Tamar.” 2 Samuel 13:22 ESV

Her Father Fails to Deal with the Issue

“When King David heard of all these things, he was very angry.” 2 Samuel 13:21 ESV

Guidelines for Resolving Conflict

1. Make it A Priority

“So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” Matthew 5:23–24 ESV

2. When Appropriate Confess Your Wrong First

3. Work for Resolution Not Revenge

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.” Matthew 18:15 ESV

4. Evaluate Your Own Heart

“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? 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.” Matthew 7:4–5 ESV “

5. Give Them the Benefit of Doubt

Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him,” Luke 17:3 ESV

6. Treat Others with Dignity

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32 ESV

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