



CONFLICT RESOLUTION

BIBLICAL APPROACH TO CONFLICT RESOLUTION

SECTION 1

BIBLICAL VIEW OF CONFLICT

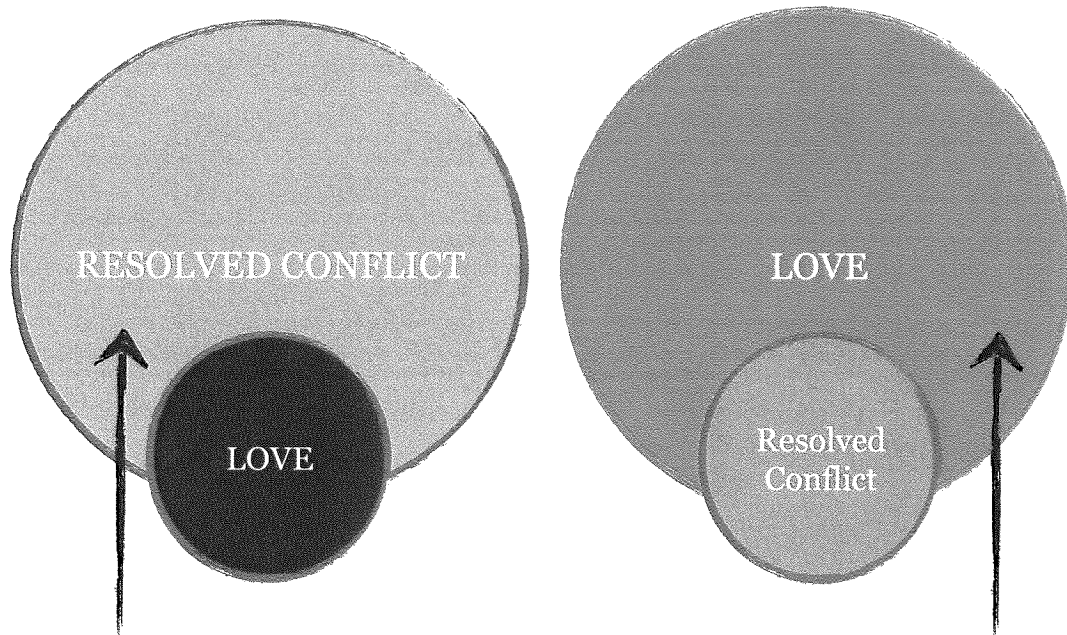
_____ truly resolve conflict. (Matt 10:34-39)

- Communicate better? Not if you have _____. (Js 4:1-12)
- Compromise? Not if your _____. (Matt 5:21)
- Confront biblically? Not if they _____. (Matthew 18)

Dangerous assumptions:

- I can resolve conflict without seeing my part in the problem. (Matt 7:4)
- I can avoid pitfalls with a fool or a person that is evil. (Prov 9:7)
- I can apply the Bible without wisdom, authority, or understanding. (Matt 18)
- All ideas are equal or compromise is always good. (1 Cor 1:22)

The problem of Aims...



If you aim for resolving conflict you might miss love and odds are you will miss both. If you aim for love you might miss resolving the conflict but you will hit the more important aim of love. Jesus literally said..."I did not come to bring peace, but the sword." (Matt 10:34)

Jesus made _____ your _____ the most important goal in conflict resolution. Examples; disrespecting you, (SLAP) asking for too much, (SHIRT) taking advantage (WALK A MILE).

Better Aims?

- Becoming un-offend-able.
- Loving your enemies. (Not “acting” loving towards your enemies)

Conflict resolution according to Jesus

- Is not fair.
- Does not guarantee that things will go well for you.
- Will not protect you from harm, disrespect, gossip, or hatred.

What is an enemy? You can't love an enemy unless you know what an enemy is. An enemy is a person who can _____ the most.

Enemies are most often those who are _____ to you. Enemies are true friends that disappoint you. They are close friends that intentionally hurt you. They are allies that turn on you.

How does Jesus deal with each of these conflicts?

- Friends fall asleep
- Peter denies knowing Jesus
- Judas
- Pilate
- Herod
- Roman soldiers
- Thief
- Father

1. What is the 1st problem of every conflict? _____.

- There are snakes in _____. (Genesis 3)
- There are snakes in _____. (Romans 3:23)

2. What is the 2nd problem of every conflict? _____

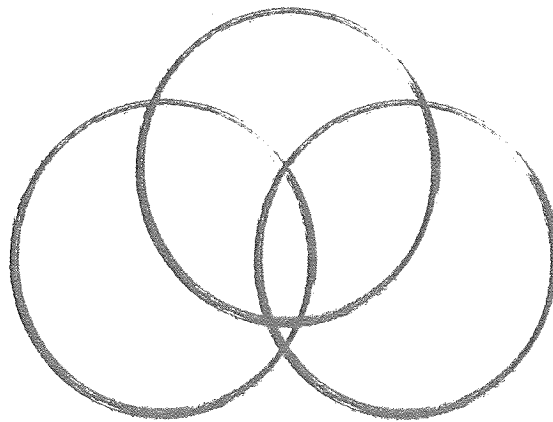
My own self righteous indignation and contempt & my ill-timed, unsolicited, manipulative, advice. (Pigs and Pearls) Matt 7:1-6

How do I know when I am pushing pearls on someone?

- When I have a NEED to _____. I have to replace “helping” with a desire to give hope.
- When I have a NEED to _____. I have to stop trying to “understand” someone, and replace that with a passion to love them.
- When I have a NEED to _____. I must replace the need to “be right” with the goal to exalt the name of Jesus Christ.
- When I have a deep NEED to be _____. I must replace my need to be liked with a passion to trust God.

3. What is the third problem of every conflict? _____.

Picking up conflicts that are not _____ to solve. (Example? Wheat and the Tares).



How should we deal with conflict according to Jesus? (Matt 10:7-22)

Go in pairs. People will hate you. Stick with the interested. If they hate you? Wipe the dust off your feet. Entrust things to God. Be wise as a serpent and gentle as a dove.

How can we be as **wise as a serpent** and as **gentle as a dove**?

