

NOW WORD Covenant Church
Dynamics of Godly Relationships
Pursue Peace - Conflict Resolution
Sunday, October 27, 2019

Introduction: Today, we are going to talk about walking in peace and handling conflict resolutions.

Scriptures: Romans 12:18 (NLT), Hebrews 12:14 (NLT)

Introduction: Objective

- Improve our relational skills (godly)
- Examine ourselves (self-aware)
- Live at peace with all people (application)

Definition:

A relationship is a **state** of being **connected**.

Review: Message #2: God's Triangular Relationship - Mark 12:29-31

PT1. Love matters **most**

PT2. Love God **first (reciprocate)**

PT3. Love one another **second**

References: St. John 13:34-35, I John 4:10-11, Matthew 7:12

In-Christ Relationships: Followership > Fellowship > Friendship

Conflict Restrictions:

1. Cannot **pray** for forgiveness
2. Cannot **give** your tithes and offerings
3. Cannot **take** communion

Message: Pursue Peace - Conflict Resolution

Do all that you can to **live in peace** with everyone. Romans 12:18 (NLT)

Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not **see** the Lord. Hebrews 12:14 (NLT)

All relationships are **FOUNDED** upon love.

All relationships **GROW** based upon:

1. Beliefs – purpose and expectations
2. Boundaries – limitations and liberties
3. Behavior – how you treat one another (love)

Offenses: Anyone who **transgresses** a **belief**, a **boundary**, or a **behavior** you live by. Offenses make you angry and resentful toward the person who has offended you.

Relational Conflicts:

1) Marital: 1 Corinthians 7:15 2) Racial: Acts 6:1 3) Ministry: Acts 15:36-40
2 Timothy 4:11 4) Sinning: 1 Corinthians 5:11

How to Handle Conflicts:

PT1. Never take _____ Romans 12:19-21

PT2. Use biblical conflict _____ Matthew 15:15-18 (NLT)

Step 1. _____ meeting - **15.** "If another believer sins against you, go **privately** and point out the **offense**. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back.

Step 2. _____ meeting - **16.** But if you are unsuccessful, take **one or two others** with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be **confirmed** by **two or three** witnesses.

Step 3. _____ meeting - **17.** If the person still **refuses to listen**, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a **pagan** or a **corrupt tax collector**.

Spiritual Authority

18. "I tell you the truth, whatever you **forbid** on earth will be **forbidden** in heaven, and whatever you **permit** on earth will be **permitted** in heaven."
Matthew 15:15-18 (NLT)

PT3. Do not count offenses but be _____

For God was in Christ, **reconciling** the world to himself, **no longer counting** people's sins against them. 2 Corinthians 5:19 (NLT)

- **What:** God was in Christ – inspiration
- **Why:** reconciling the world to himself
- **Application:** no longer counting people's sins against them

Reconciliation happens when you no longer count a person's offense against them. The relationship is **restored** by being **rebuilt** into another.

Takeaway: Name three of your takeaways:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____