

# conflict resolution

between you and me | week five

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Prioritize growing in spiritual maturity

- Growing in our ability to communicate
- Growing in our trustworthiness & ability to trust the right people
- The ability to have God-honoring boundaries that protect & promote relationship

## **1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)**

This week, we are focusing on conflict resolution

- Conflict is expected and even inevitable. Broken people have conflict but I commit to fighting for relationship
  - Keep no record of wrongs, protects, and perseveres
  - Relationships bring conflict for several reasons
  - The way we deal with conflict reveals our maturity
- As we grow in Christ, we tend to have less conflict
  - We grow in our ability to love well, which makes us more humble, willing to ask for forgiveness, and forgive
  - We become more secure in Christ, so we can be less offended
  - We choose our fights
  - One fruit of the Spirit is peace. Peace with God, internal peace, peace with others
  - Our response to conflict tends to be to put it out

**Proverbs 15:1 (NIV) | Proverbs 26:20 (NIV) | Proverbs 19:11 (NIV) | James 1:19-20 (NIV)**  
**Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV) | 2 Timothy 2:22-26 (ESV)**

The bible gives us clear guidance on dealing with conflict in different aspects of our lives

1. Legal/moral issues:

- If there are legal issues (what the bible says is sin and illegal in our time)
- Report the issue to the appropriate authorities

**Romans 13:1-2 (NIV)**

## 2. Moral Issues within the church & financial disputes

- The church in Matthew 18:17 means take it to the Elders, and then the church

**Matthew 18:15–17 (ESV) | 1 Timothy 5:19–20 (NIV) | Corinthians 6:1–8 (NIV)**

## 3. Opinion/preference issues

**Romans 14:20–23 (NIV)**

## 4. Personal issues

- This takes courage and an attitude of reconciliation
- See Matthew 18:15 above

**Matthew 5:23–24 (NIV)**

- Our part in dealing with other people's conflicts
  - Some fights you shouldn't get involved in

**Proverbs 23:9 (NIV) | Proverbs 26:4–5 (NIV)**

- There are two sides to every story, we don't always have both

**Proverbs 18:17 (NIV)**

- We do not participate in gossip or slander

**Proverbs 16:28 (NIV) | Psalm 101:5 (NIV) | Ephesians 4:25–32 (ESV)**

- We put out fires rather than pour gasoline on them

**Titus 3:10–11 (NIV) | Proverbs 20:3 (NIV) | Matthew 5:9 (NIV)**

- We can do what is right and still not end up reconciled
  - We may have to bring it before the whole church & sit in the unresolved conflict
  - Our desire is for repentance and restoration

**Romans 12:18 (NIV)**

