

Conflict - How do we handle them

Growing up in a home where all I seen and heard was arguing all the time. I thought this was the correct way to handle conflict. Nobody set down and ~~talk~~ ~~not~~ talked about anything. Growing up in my younger age, I was shy, quiet and timid. So when they started to argue. I would run out the house. Walk down the street until I thought it was over. I couldn't deal with it. I couldn't never understand why do you have to get the last word in, why you got to be so loud, why do you got to feel your way is right, why do you have to control things. Till this day I don't like that. I am this way; we got a problem ~~lets~~ lets set down and talk. I am not always right, I get it wrong sometime, I am learning, I am willing to resolve the issue. But it take two people with willing mind to come to a commonground of ~~resoluit~~ resolution. I've learned alot of conflict are not really centered around the real issue. Sometimes it centered around what the person want. Not what all parties want, ~~the~~ when I deal with people who don't want to resolve the issue, sometimes you have to leave the situation alone, sometimes you have to go get another party to come in to be the mediator. I really realize conflict resolution can be hard some times ^{with} ~~the~~ certain people mind set you have to deal with. Here we go lets get started

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take the initiative to solve - facing a potential conflict with his nephew. Lot, Abram, took the initiative in ~~settling~~ settling the dispute. He gave Lot first choice, even though Abram, being elder, had the right to choose first. Abram also showed a willingness to risk being cheated. Abram's example shows us how to respond to difficult family situations: (1) take the initiative in resolving conflicts, (2) lets others have first choice, even if that means not getting what we want (3) put family peace above personal ~~desires~~ desires

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preparing for - when abraham learned that Lot was a ~~prisoner~~ prisoner, he immediately tried to rescue his nephew. It would have been easier and safer not to become involved. But with Lot in ~~serious~~ trouble, abraham acted at once. Sometimes we must get involved in a messy or painful situation in order to help others. We should be willing to act immediately when others need our help.

When it's wise to avoid them - Three times Isaac and his men dug new wells. When the first two disputes arose, Isaac moved on, finally available for everyone. Rather than start a huge conflict, Isaac compromised for the sake of peace. Would you be willing to forsake an important position or valuable possession to keep peace? Ask God for the wisdom to know when to withdraw and when to stand and fight.

Not always worth the consequences - Moses tried to negotiate and reason with the Edomite King. When nothing worked, ~~to~~ he was left with two choices - ~~face~~ force a conflict or avoid it. Moses knew there would be enough barriers in the days and months ahead. There was no point in adding another one unnecessarily. Sometimes conflict is unavoidable. Sometimes however, it isn't worth the consequences. Open warfare may seem heroic, courageous, and even righteous, but it is not always the best choice. At times, we should follow Moses' examples and find another way to solve our problems, even if it is harder for us to do.

Try to make peace first - When the tribes of Reuben and Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built an altar at the Jordan River, the rest of Israel feared that these tribes were starting their own religion and rebelling against God. But before beginning an all-out war, Phinehas led a delegation to learn the truth following the principle taught in Deuteronomy 13:12-19. He was prepared to negotiate rather than fight if a battle was not

Necessary, when he learned that the altar was for a memorial rather than for pagan sacrifice, war was averted and unity restored.

As nations and as individuals we would benefit from a similar approach to resolving conflicts. Assuming the worst about the intentions of others only brings trouble. Israel averted the threat of civil war by doing ~~before~~ before assaulting. Beware of reacting before you hear the whole story.

Find common goals bigger than your differences The events recorded in 2 Samuel 2 led to a long war between David's followers and the troops loyal to Abner and Ish-Bosheth. Civil War rocked the country at great cost to both sides. The war ~~occurred~~ occurred because Israel and Judah had lost sight of God's vision and purpose to settle the land (Gen 12:7) to drive out the Canaanites (Deuteronomy 7:1-4) and to obey God's laws (Deuteronomy 8:1). Instead of uniting to accomplish these goals they fought each other. When you face conflict step back from the hostilities and consider whether you and your enemy have common goals that are bigger than your differences. Appeal to those interests do you work for a settlement.

Finding peace in conflict - The end result of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives is deep and lasting peace. Unlike worldly peace which is usually defined as the absence of conflict, this peace is confident assurance in any circumstance with Christ's peace, we have no need to fear the present or the future. Sin, fear, uncertainty, doubt and numerous other forces are at war within us. The peace of God moves into our hearts and lives. To restrain these hostile forces and offer comfort in place of conflict, Jesus says he will give us that peace if we are willing to accept it from him. If your life is full of stress allow the Holy Spirit to fill you with Christ's peace (see ~~Phil~~ Philippians 4:6, 7 for more on experiencing God's peace.)

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Selfish desires often a cause of - yes they fight in churches as well.
Conflict and disputes among believers are always harmful.
James explains that these quarrels ~~are~~ results from evil
desires battling within us - we want more possessions, more
money, higher status, more recognition. When we want badly
~~enough~~ enough to fulfill these desires, we fight in order
to do so. Instead of ~~aggression~~ aggressively grabbing
what we want, we should submit ourselves to God, ask
God to help us get rid of our selfish desires and
trust him to give us what we really need.

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negative opinions. ~~that~~ what we say may heavily influence the
actions of those who trust us to give sound advice, listening to opinions
of others. 1 Cor 13:1 When we are in charge, it is tempting to make
unilateral decisions, pushing through our own opinions, and they encourage
others to participate in making decisions. Of course, we should always
consult God first. We can run into big problems if we don't talk to
him. Now back to the circumstances I was talking about I constantly
encountered 2016 combative people. For me I am a peaceful person
inside and out. I love my surrounding to be peaceful. How many
know these people will watch you. Set back in study how can
they can ^{bring} confusion in your life, work area, in your relationships,
in your church, in your career. Everytime they come around they
reap havoc with the opinions. What I did for these people I dismissed
them out of my life. Some was so called friends, sister in christ,
and family. Because no one is going to persuade me in the
wrong direction with their opinions. I did ^{that} when I was young. I
was told by my mom you would never be anything. I wore that
T-shirt but not today. It doesn't fit any more. I was listening
Steven F. for the ~~next year~~ New Years God gave him a message
~~what do you come for?~~ what do you come for? So I want my
viewers what do I come for? The reason I have a passion
to write messages that can help someone is because I see myself
in some of you all. I look at the news, and at everyday people
lives. I see what going on because why because I've had that
same mindset at one time in that area. I share how I came
out. As I get better. I desire to bring some along with me so
they can get better as well. Am I religious no, but I do have
personal relationship with the Lord I discovered you cannot
do anything without him. Am I bible thumper no. Can I have
fun yes. Do I walk around preaching all the time no. I often
pray, tell what can I say today to make a difference in somebody
life we all go through struggles. Sometimes we get stuck in
our situation in don't know how to get out. That's why I read
books that would help me first. Then I share the important
highlights. This year I am going to be more transparent with my
view because some people are stuck in life. They don't know

how to come out of their struggles. This is the attitude you have to have with your haters and ~~no~~ combative peers. We'll not be moved by your opinion and combativeness. I will stay planted where God has placed me, if you are a teacher, truck driver, baker, writer, etc. If you feel in your spirit or guts that something is the Lord tell you can have something don't let nobody negative opinion sway you from what you feel to suppose to be yours. Even in your waiting period why you are waiting to receive or get enough money or what you need to get ~~it~~ whatever it is. For example if it's new car don't let nobody come by saying money that too much. I would purchase that. People like that you have to shut it down. Sometimes you have leave these individual alone and get them out your life; don't ^{and} call them. Don't go around them. 2017 No combative and negative opinion people

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Do away with the Combativeness

I guess you say what is combativeness. Some people might know. For the ones of you that don't know it means argumentative. Personally ~~you~~ for me I don't like strife and debates. These type of people rule it off as it just my opinion. I am entitled to my opinion about you. It's one thing to say I like that dress on you or I don't like that dress, I think you should pick out another one. Then you could kindly suggest can I help you. It's all in the way you convey yourself to that person. ~~opposite~~. I want to go back to it just my opinion and I am entitled to my opinion about you. I have a problem with that because suppose your opinion is wrong. You are tarnishing my ~~rep~~ reputation. I am not talking about I am basing your character off what you are doing or showing me. They are ~~being~~ basing off of what they think about me. Some people don't know what opinion means - a belief or conclusion held with confidence but not substantiated by positive knowledge or proof. Some people feel like they are entitled to say what they want about whom ever beoride it's my opinion that's what I mean, I am grown, who you to question why I said what I said. So all of 2016. I went through when I open my mouth they become combative. I cannot

be in the presence of some people they so bad.
Then I had the family members who was the
same way. I would try to do some things to help
myself with certain ~~and~~ situation. I would write
letters to friends and family they was getting read
by others. I would call some people eavesdropping
on my conversation. People was looking for things
to be combative about. Some did it in secret and
some in the ~~open~~ open. I have a roommate,
she's combative about me being in the room all
the time. When I am out the room she doesn't want
to even approach the room. Then I went through
and still going through ^{this} people who disguise
themselves by making indirect comments towards.
I am really talking to you, but I am not
going to say your name. She ain't nobody
they want to hear from people like us. All
kinds of combative opinions. When open our
mouths we need to think about who is hurting.
Are we helping someone or trying to hinder
their progress. I thank God that I am not
easily persuade by negativity like I was
growing up. Let's briefly talk about the
force of a negative opinion \neq Numbers 13:33-14:4
The negative opinion of ten men caused a great
rebellion among the people. Because it is
human nature to accept opinion as fact. We
must be especially careful when voicing our