

It's Personal: Conflict Resolution

Conflict is a tool that will either make or break our relationships.

How do I navigate conflict in a godly way?

1. **Understand that I am called to be a peacemaker.** (Matthew 5:9 NIV; Romans 12:18 NIV)

Peacemaking is not:

- **Absence** of conflict.
 - **Avoidance** of conflict.
 - **Appeasing** all parties.
2. **Pursue reconciliation as the primary goal.** (Matthew 18:15-17 NLT)

Step 1: Keep the conflict between you and the other person.
(Matthew 18:15a NLT)

- When you approach someone or are approached:
 - Start with prayer.
 - Check your own attitude.
 - Fill the air with good intentions.
 - Refuse to become defensive.
 - Follow the 101% principle.

Step 2: Have wise and godly peers to bring perspective.
(Matthew 18:16 NLT)

Step 3: Invite godly mentors to mediate. (Matthew 18:17a NLT)

Step 4: Create healthy boundaries. (Matthew 18:17b NLT)