

## **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? (2 Corinthians 13:11 NLT)

- 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 18:15-20 NLT)

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.

Have **wise and godly peers** to bring perspective. (Matthew 18:16, 20 NLT)

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

Create **healthy boundaries**. (Matthew 18:17b NLT; Colossians 3:13 NIV)