

**EASTERN BIBLE CONFERENCE
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BIBLICAL CONFLICT
RESOLUTION

YOUNG ADULTS'
AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY - THE SOURCES OF CONFLICT

PRIMARY PASSAGES: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:9-13; 3:1-4; 4:6-8

FOCUS: Situations that become conflicts, and how those conflicts develop.

What were the actual conflicts in Corinth?
What were the root causes of their conflicts?

What other scriptures explain causes of conflict?

What are some personal traits that tend to stir up conflict?
How can we grow personally in this area?

TUESDAY - WAYS PEOPLE RESPOND TO CONFLICT

PRIMARY PASSAGE: GENESIS 13:1-9

FOCUS: The various ways people respond to conflict.

(We will emphasize dealing with conflicts on Wednesday; this study will mainly consider types of responses.)

What was Abraham's response to the conflict that developed?
What attitude and approach did he take?

What are other scriptural examples of people in conflict?
How did they respond?
How can we tell whether their responses were helpful?

What is the relationship between conflict and separation? Does conflict always demand separation? Does it ever demand separation?

WEDNESDAY - DEALING WITH CONFLICT

THREE PRIMARY PASSAGES

FOCUS on the principles and guidelines for dealing with conflict.

- Paul and Peter, Gal. 2:11-16

What are the principles and practices of dealing with conflict?

- Paul and Barnabas, Acts 15:36-40

How do personalities and preferences affect responses to conflict?

- Paul and the Judaizers, Gal. 5:12

What is an appropriate response to true unrighteousness?

How can we determine if true unrighteousness is present in a conflict?

THURSDAY - HELPING TO RESOLVE A CONFLICT

PRIMARY PASSAGE: PHILIPPIANS 4:2-3

FOCUS: How conflicts can be resolved in a godly way.

How would the phrase “work out your own salvation” apply to these two sisters in Philippians?

What is to be done when we are personally in a conflict?

What is the proper attitude to have about the conflict and the other person?

How do outside individuals help those in conflict?

When is it appropriate to help?

What scriptures provide guidelines for helping?

FRIDAY - BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

PRIMARY PASSAGE: JAMES 3:13-18

FOCUS: The significance of peace and peacemakers.

Starting with the passage in James 3, what role does peace play in God's thoughts?
What other scriptures indicate that God values peace among His people?

How can we cultivate a peaceable spirit?
How can we become peacemakers the Lord can use?

SUNDAY -

The sources of conflict

Primary passage: 1 Corinthians 1:9-13; 3:1-4; 4:6-8

Identifying causes of conflict

.in Corinth

.among the disciples (e.g., Mark 9:33-34)

.desires for pleasure, Jas. 4:1-2

.Is conflict always due to the flesh at work in one or both parties?

Help for us personally, identifying personal traits that stir up conflict

.e.g., Judges 11, men of Ephraim and Jephthah

."have salt in yourselves," Mk. 9:50

TUESDAY -

Ways people respond to conflict

Primary passage: Genesis 13:1-9

Identifying Abraham's concern about conflict

.attitude

.approach

Other examples, good and bad

.Gaius, avoiding Diotrephes and enjoying Demetrius, Jn 3

.John the apostle will withstand Diotrephes

.Elisha giving in to sons of the prophets, 2 Ki. 2:16-18

.more...

Does conflict always demand separation? does it ever demand separation?

WEDNESDAY -

Paul deals with conflict

Three primary passages:

Paul and Peter, Gal. 2:11-16

.Principles and practices

Paul and Barnabas, Acts 15:36-40

.Personalities and preferences

Paul and the Judaizers, Gal. 5:12

.Anger over true unrighteousness

THURSDAY -

Helping to resolve a conflict

Primary passage: Philippians 4:2-3

Euodias and Syntyche should "work out their salvation"

.what is done when we are personally in a conflict?

.Mt. 5, log in own eye

.Mt. 18, attitude to "gain" the other

Paul's companion should help them

.how / when do others help?

.Gal. 6:1, restore a sinning one

.empathy for those stumbled, 2 Cor. 11:29

FRIDAY -

Blessed are the peacemakers

Primary passage: James 3:13-18

The significance of peace and peacemakers

.God's character, 1 Cor. 14:33

."blessed," Mt. 5:9

.Rom. 12:18, live peaceably with all

.1 Thess. 5:13

.Heb. 12:14, follow peace with all

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