



Message Reflections

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"The Bible teaches that we should see conflict neither as an inconvenience nor as an occasion to force our will on others, but rather as an opportunity to demonstrate the love and power of God in our lives."

- Ken Sande

At some point we all experience conflict. The challenge is to be able to resolve the conflict in a way that leaves us with a sense of peace and trust in God, even if the outcome is not fair or just.

Read Matthew 18:15-20 and Ephesians 4:29-32.

Reflect:

- What is your natural approach to conflict and confrontation? In what ways do you think you can grow and mature in this area of relationships?
- Think of a particular situation in which you use words. How can you use your words to build someone up? How does the gospel of God's grace help you to give grace to those who hear you?

Respond: To deal with conflict we need to first examine our own heart attitude.

Take a moment now to ask God if there is any conflict in your life that you need to deal with. If it is a situation where you are the offender, ask God for one practical step that you can take toward resolution. If you have been offended, ask God for a way to begin the process to see the conflict resolved in a timely manner.