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The Positive Side Of Conflict

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INTRODUCTION	NOTES
Conflict is part of life. There's no way around it. But it's how we deal with conflict that is critical. We should not be afraid of conflict; instead, we should look forward to how God will use conflict in our lives. In this message, I want to look at the positive side of conflict. It is important that we learn how to handle conflict before we get into a conflict, and we do that by diving into Scripture and seeing what God has to say about handling conflict. This way, we can honor Him not just through the good times in life, but through the tougher, more uncomfortable times as well.	
KEY POINTS	
Reasons for Conflict:	
 1. It reveals our blind spots. We make decisions on partial knowledge. We put too much faith in people. We are paralyzed by our paradigms. 	
 2. If offers an opportunity for growth. To use our heads instead of our emotions. To practice listening instead of talking. To guard our tongues. To watch God move in us and others. 	
3. It provides a path for partnerships.Toward greater peace.	
Toward greater worship.Toward greater knowledge.	

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. When was a time that conflict revealed one of your blind spots? Which blind spot did you uncover?
- 2. How has conflict helped you grow in the way you relate to others?

3.	When was a time you didn't handle a conflict well? What can you learn from that situation and apply to your future experiences with conflict?

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