



**LIFEWork**  
**for the week beginning**  
**June 9, 2019**  
**Jesus > my conflicts**

**Acts 6:1-7 & James 4:1-12**

Pastor Eric taught through the truth that Jesus is greater than my adversity. And of all the adversities, perhaps the one that is most challenging for so many is adversity that is born out of conflict with other human beings.

Please review your message notes and discuss with one another anything that especially impacted you from this week's message. And then read both of the primary texts once again for this teaching as listed above.

A point that led the message and ended the message whether it was the Acts 6 text or the James 4 text, was that every conflict is rooted in what? \_\_\_\_\_ . And I want to blame our conflict on the selfishness of the OTHER person, so it hurt a lot when God's word makes it clear that my own selfishness is always part of the equation. (You can't argue with a wall!)

1. Suppose that you try to recognize and adjust your own selfishness, but you have in your life, or even live with, a very self-centered person. What should you do?
2. Read Hebrews 11:25. What does sin promise?  
Read Psalm 16:11. What does God promise?  
Discuss what this means for us.
3. Do you wrestle with praying for your own desires? When is it OK and when is it inappropriate? What do you do if you getting what you want causes someone else to NOT get what they want?
4. When is a conflict appropriate? Share some appropriate conflicts that you might have in your life at this time.
5. Can you imagine ever using such bold language as to say to someone: "you adulterer". From what we learned in the message, when would it be appropriate and when would it be completely inappropriate?
6. Irony – can the truly humble person know that they're humble?
7. Agree/disagree: Almost all relational conflicts are rooted in one or both parties not being fully in submission to God. Try to think of an instance when it is not true.
8. Read Galatians 5:19-21 ~ Ephesians 4:31 ~ 1 John 4:20. We know these behaviors are not the "fruit of the Spirit", i.e. if you are a believer, if you are "in Christ Jesus", if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, you are a Believer Tree and it will bear Believer Fruit. Only God knows the heart, but these are very clear warnings that if you live this way, practice these things, continue in these behaviors, your salvation is questionable or in jeopardy.
9. How do we know if our own repentance is sincere enough?

Prayer: Pray for and with each other, the big and the little stuff of life, and, that God would USE you and your life situations to impact people for eternal life WITH/IN Jesus.



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The first century church ... HOLY and HUMAN

Conflict happens because of

1. REAL mistakes
2. Perceived mistakes

Biblical conflict resolution

1. Does not DIVIDE
2. Does not DISTRACT
3. Creates winners

To resolve conflict ... James chapter 4

1. Assess your motives (1-3)

### SELFISHNESS

2. Don't CHEAT on God (4-6)
3. Turn it around or He will (7-10)
4. Do not SLANDER (address sin)~trust God (11-12)

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