



**No Place Like Home - Part 5 - Where Do We Go From Here?
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DIFFERENT WAYS TO HANDLE CONFLICT

- ✓ **The PEACEKEEPER.**
- ✓ **The Sulker.**
- ✓ **The STUFFER.**
- ✓ **The LITIGATOR.**
- ✓ **The SCREAMER.**

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.
– James 1:19-20

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. – James 4:1-3

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Parable of the Lost Son – Luke 15:11-32**

To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: “A man had two sons.¹² The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.” – Luke 15:11-12

1) Unwavering PRAYER.

“So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, **his father saw him coming...** – Luke 15:20a

2) Unending PATIENCE.

“So he returned home to his father. **And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming...** – Luke 15:20a

“Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.” – Luke 15:20b

3) Unconditional LOVE.

“His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’
²² “But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet.’” – Luke 15:21-22

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. – John 1:12