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How do you Resolve Conflict?

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James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

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Proverbs 13:10 Where there is strife, there is pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.

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Challenging Situations in the Family

- Prodigal Children

Luke 15:20 "So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him."

Pro Bible Tip: Never stop praying, never stop _____, never lose _____

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- Church Division

Matthew 18:15-17 "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector."

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Walk Away: God's heart for the family is _____. Reconciliation and _____ are always possible as we lay down our pride and walk in humility.

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