ME Before WE - Rules of Engagement
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Read Romans 5: 1, 2

1. Since we are "justified by faith" we have three things:
    a) We have what? With Who? Through Who?
    b) We have access through Who? By what? Into what?
    c) We have the ability to what? In what?

Read Romans 5: 3-5

2. Because we are "justified by faith" we can
    a) rejoice in what?
    b) because they produce what?
    c) which produces what?
    d) which produces what?

3. This final product (no, I'm not giving it to you!) will not do what? Why?

Rules of Engagement:

4. How do you *feel* about conflict? Is it primarily negative or positive?

5. Think of the last time you found yourself in conflict in a relationship. Was it a positive or negative experience?

6. When did you enter into a conflict with the mindset you would prove the other person wrong?
    With the mindset you would change the other person's mind?
    With the mindset you would grow from it?

Which mindset provided the best outcome? The most satisfying outcome? (be honest!)

10. Andrew and Megan suggested the following "rules" for conflict resolution.

Deal only with the issue at hand.
Set a time limit to address the issue.
Fight for togetherness.
Don't throw out what you can't take back. (basically anything!)
"Slow your roll."
Don't interrupt.

Which of these do you find the most difficult to remember? Difficult to practice?
Do you have others to add?

Ending thought:
Read Phil 2:5-8

How might our conflicts change in light of these verses?

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