

## **9-8-2024 – How do we BIBLICALLY handle conflicts?**

Different types of conflict:

1. Nation against nation – war
2. Disagreement in your own thoughts – I have conflicting ideas
3. Two people disagree on an idea – different opinions
4. **When someone has wronged another person (or there is a perceived situation of being wronged...)**
5. **When our actions/thoughts don't line up with scripture**

### **The “Matthew 18 model”**

#### **Matthew 18:15-20**

15 “If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. 16 But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. 17 If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.

18 “I tell you the truth, whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.

19 “I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. 20 For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”

**This is personal conflict – between two people – It is if some has SINNED against you.**

**Step 1 – go privately and point out the offense.**

**Step 2 – If they don't listen, take one or two others with you (witnesses...eye witnesses)**

**Step 3 – If they still don't listen, take it to the church.**

**Step 4 – If they still don't listen, treat them like a pagan....**

### **John 3:16 says**

16 “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

### **Verse 17 says....**

17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

### **The Heart of the Father is restoration!!**

### **Titus 3:10-11**

10 If people are causing divisions among you, give a first and second warning. After that, have nothing more to do with them. 11 For people like that have turned away from the truth, and their own sins condemn them.

**So, our first thing was one on one sin....This one is division within the church**

**This week was to lay the foundation of how TO DEAL with conflict biblically**

**Next week is to lay the foundation of how TO TREAT a person while doing it.**