

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Relationship Realities
Message: Move Through It:
 From Broken to Whole
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In order to avoid killing relationships, we need to take deliberate action. The following are passages that give us positive direction that can restore friendships when problems come up. As you read, reflect on your current relationships, and for any that are struggling, ask God to help you address them with faith, courage and love.

⁹ Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.
 Romans 12:9-10 (NLT)

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.
 Ephesians 4:31-32 (NLT)

Instead, we will speak the truth in love...
 Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

¹ Who may worship in your sanctuary, LORD? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill? ² Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, speaking the truth from sincere hearts. ³ Those who refuse to gossip or harm their neighbors or speak evil of their friends.
 Psalm 15:1-3 (NLT)

A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.
 Proverbs 19:11 (NIV)

¹⁹ Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. ²⁰ Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.
 James 1:19-20 (NLT)

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 (NIV)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:
 NIV – New International Version
 NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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You can kill virtually any relationship by following a few simple guidelines.

The main one: ignore Jesus' key teaching.

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12 (NIV)

When problems come up, instead of facing them and relying on God in the process, choose one of these options:

Fight

Flee

Fold

Fume

Fake it

A few other things to do if you want to make conflict worse...

Make up your mind before getting all the facts. (Ignore last week's message at all costs.)

Assume the worst of others rather than the best.

Talk about it to others who aren't part of a solution.

Only admit your own fault if you can add a "but ..."

Also don't forget to...

Keep a detailed list of perceived faults and wrongs against you.

And make sure to never offer grace and forgiveness.