

Conflict With People

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

1. Conflict Costs More Than You Think

A. Our Disunity Causes Distrust of Jesus

20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

—John 17:20-21 (ESV)

...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

—Romans 12:5 (ESV)

B. Our Division Damages the Body of Christ

But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls.

—Luke 11:17 (ESV)

2. Walk Worthy of Your Higher Calling

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

—Ephesians 4:1 (ESV)

A. Give the Grace You've Received from Jesus

with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing

with one another in love,

—Ephesians 4:2 (ESV)

B. Eagerly Resolve Disharmony

eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

—Ephesians 4:3 (ESV)

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

—Romans 12:18 (ESV)

Dealing with Disunity Delights the Heart of God