



Series: Better Relationships

Sermon: Part 6: Solving Our People Problems

Date: Sunday, November 19th, 2023

_____ : It happens in any relationship we have.

If our relationships are a mess, then the stress of that will affect us in all other areas of our life.

Unhealthy Ways of Dealing With Conflict

- 1. We avoid the other person**
- 2. We aggressively confront the other person**
- 3. We accommodate for the other person**
- 4. We compromise for the other person**

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Matthew 5:9)

Peace & Appeasement

The way of true _____ will never come through pretending that which is wrong is right.

When we seek to bring and make peace to the situations we are in and the relationships that we have, persecution and pushback will happen.

Jesus never kept the peace, but He took steps to make peace by dealing with situations that were not right.

Jesus disrupted false peace in order to bring true peace.

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. (Romans 12:18)

9 Steps to Resolving Conflict in Relationships

- 1. Always our _____ first**

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

- 2. Confess our _____ in the conflict and ask for forgiveness**

- 3. Fight for the _____, don't just fight to be right**



4. Keep _____ accounts with people

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

48 Hour Rule

5. Speak the _____ in love

I noticed _____, I feel _____, I value _____.

6. _____ to the other person's hurt

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry... (James 1:19)

7. _____

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (Colossians 3:13)

8. Aim for _____

This only happens if we are willing to fight for the relationship and communicate with each other.

9. Resolving conflict takes priority before _____

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)

Bottom Line: *God made the first move to make things right in our relationship with Him, so we make the first move to make things right in our relationships with others.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. In what ways do you need to repent so that you can start to address the conflicts in your life?*
- 2. Who do you need to resolve a conflict with today or this week? What is at stake if you don't?*
- 3. What is the first move you can make to bring real peace and resolve conflict with that person?*

Songs used in service: Trust It All (North Point Worship), Jesus (Mike Marshall), Refiner (Maverick City Music), Goodness of God (Rhett Walker)

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Any prayer requests?

Name: _____ **Email (so we can follow up):** _____

What can we be praying for you about?