

Self-Confrontation

Matthew 7:1-5

Part 2

April 21 ~ July 21

Hobson Auditorium

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Week 12

Interpersonal Problems

Part 1

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Life in the Church

1 John 3:1-24 –

- The Church is known by love for *one another*.
- The Church is set apart from the world.
- The Church is joined together by the Gospel.
- The Church is a reflection of Jesus Christ.
- The Church loves in *deed and truth*.
- The Church pursues the pleasure of God.

This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us. 24 The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us (23-24).

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James 4:1-2

What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?



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Get Together...

Consider the following case study:

Don and Jerry are in the same small group at church. 6 months ago, Don was laid off from his job and has not been able to find work since. Jerry, on the other hand has maintained his steady job and even recently received a raise. Both men have shared their employment troubles and successes with the rest of the small group. Over recent weeks, Don has grown increasingly resentful of Jerry because of Jerry's success in light of Don's trouble. Rather than loving Jerry and rejoicing with him over his recent success, Don has become "short" with Jerry and has even started cutting him down to others and talking disrespectfully about Jerry's wife. This is no secret to Jerry. In fact, last week a mutual friend has confronted Don about his ungodly treatment of Jerry. Today, Don asked Jerry to forgive him.

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Steps for Peacemaking

- 1. Glorify God**
- 2. Get the Log Out of Your Own Eye**
- 3. Gently Restore**
- 4. Go and Be Reconciled**



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Steps for Peacemaking

1. Glorify God

1 Corinthians 10:31-32 - Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Biblical Peacemaking is motivated and guided by a deep desire to bring honor to God by revealing the reconciling love and power of Jesus Christ. As we draw on his grace, follow his example, and put his teachings into practice, we can find freedom from the impulsive, self-centered decisions that make conflict worse, and bring praise to God by displaying the power of the gospel in our lives (Sande, 12).



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Steps for Peacemaking

1. Glorify God

1 Corinthians 10:31-32 - Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Steps for Peacemaking

2. Get the log out of your own eye

Matthew 7:5 - "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

Attacking others only invites counterattacks. This is why Jesus teaches us to face up to our own contributions to a conflict before we focus on what others have done. When we overlook others' minor offenses and honestly admit our own faults, our opponents will often respond in kind. As tensions decrease, the way may be opened for sincere discussion, negotiation, and reconciliation (Sande, 12).



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Proverbs 10:12

Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all transgressions.

Proverbs 19:11

**A man's discretion makes him slow to anger,
And it is his glory to overlook a transgression.**

1 Peter 4:8-9

Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

Steps for Peacemaking

3. Gently restore

Galatians 6:1-2 - Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

When others fail to see their contributions to a conflict, we sometimes need to graciously show them their fault. If they refuse to respond appropriately, Jesus calls us to involve respected friends, church leaders, or other objective individuals who can help us encourage repentance and restore peace (Sande, 13).

Steps for Peacemaking

4. Go and be reconciled

Matthew 5:24 - ...leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

Finally, peacemaking involves a commitment to restoring damaged relationships and negotiating just agreements. When we forgive others as Jesus has forgiven us and seek solutions that satisfy others' interests as well as our own, the debris of conflict is cleared away and the door is opened for genuine peace (Sande, 13).

Peace Making vs. Peace Loving

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Why You Should Like Conflict

Conflict provides:

- **An opportunity to exalt Jesus Christ the ultimate Peacemaker.**
- **An opportunity to exercise the Scriptures**
- **An opportunity for intimate fellowship.**
- **An opportunity to grow in grace and peace.**

Restoration is a Family Affair

Matthew 18:15-17

"If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

16 "But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. 17 "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

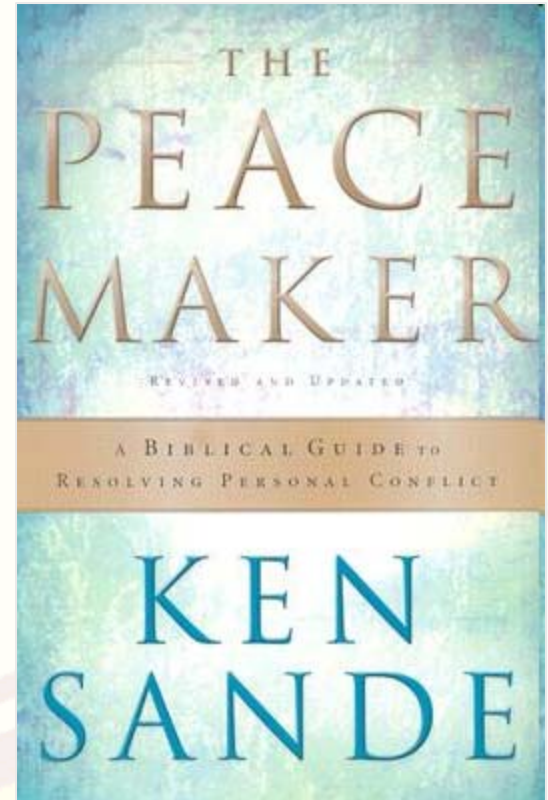
1. The one who knows goes.
2. The one plus two/three witnesses.
3. The one plus the church.

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Think about this...

What about you must change in order for you to grow in your practice of forgiveness?



Self-Confrontation (Week 11)

For Next Week:

***Complete Lesson 13 in the
Self-Confrontation Student Workbook***