

Message Notes

Stuff Happens! Resolving conflict is tough

Scripture Passages

Introduction – Team of Rivals

Sermon Series
FIGHTING FAIR
Conflict Resolution

This week:
Stuff Happens! Resolving Conflict in
a Fallen World

An introduction to Peacemakers

Foundational Passages

Romans 5:1, 2 Corinthians 5:18-21, James
4:1-3

Fight! Fight! Fight!

The Slippery Slope of Conflict

Escape Responses

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Attack Responses

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Peacemaking Responses

Personal

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Assisted

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Gospel Application

Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers"

"With malice toward none; with charity
for all..."

Romans 5:1

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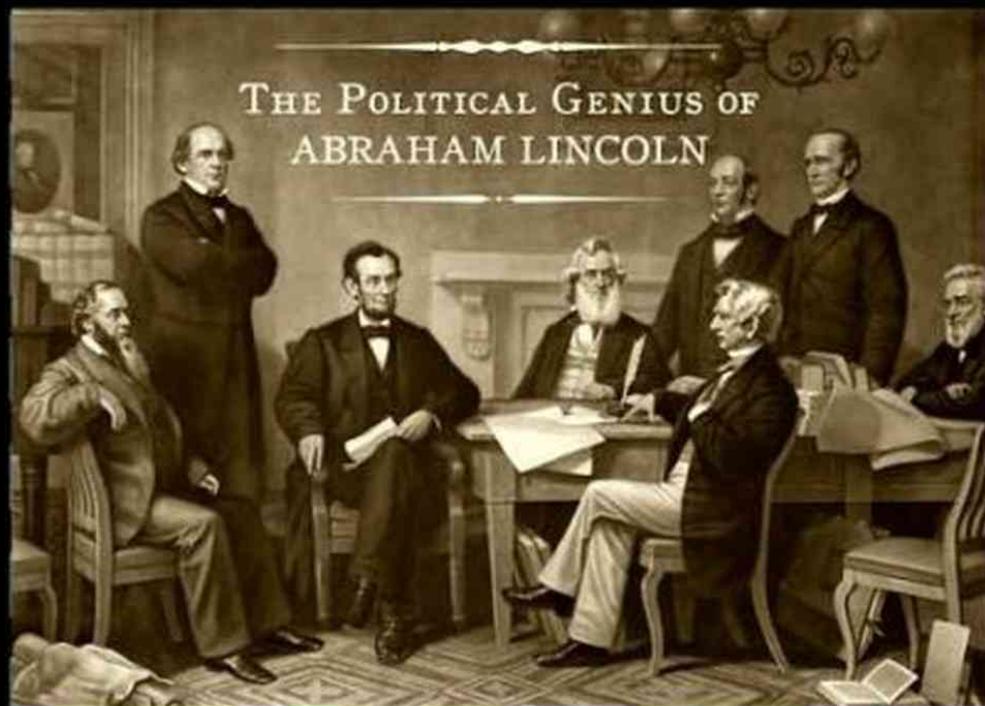
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GOODWIN

WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE

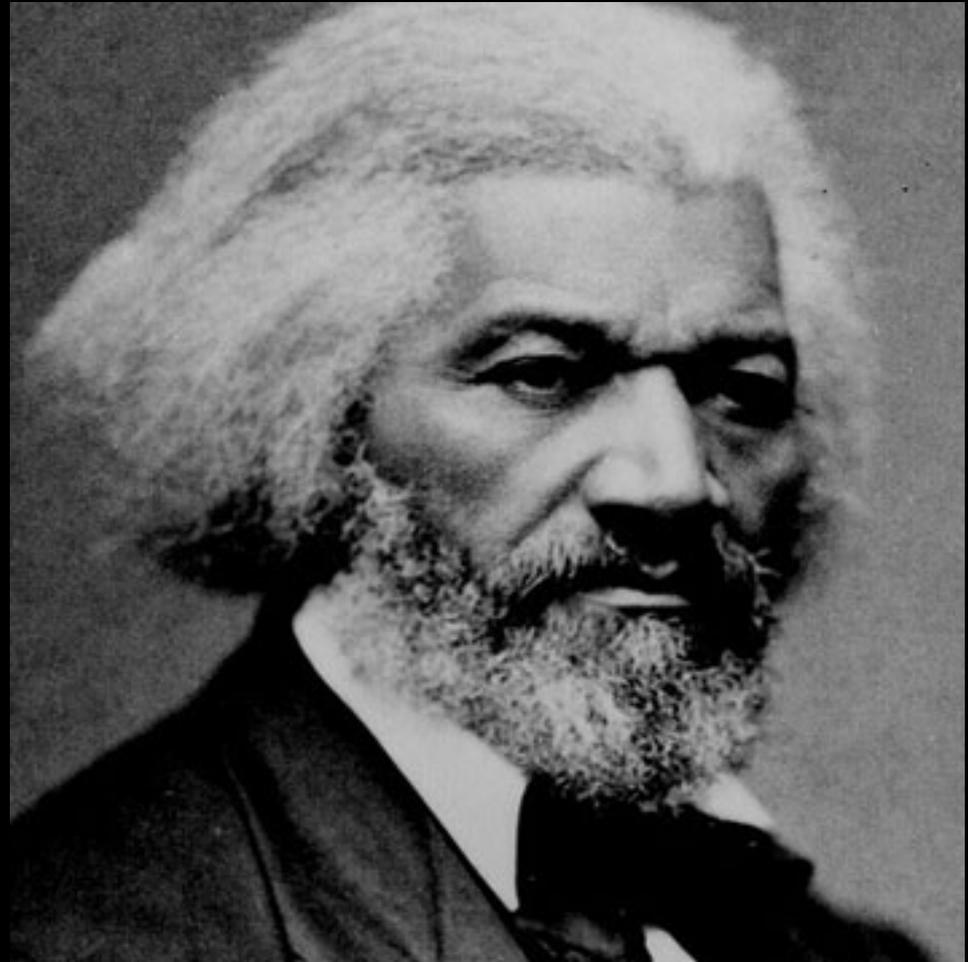


“Both read the same Bible,
and pray to the same God;
and each invokes His aid
against the other. It may seem
strange that any men should
dare to ask a just God’s
assistance in wringing their
bread from the sweat of other
men’s faces; but let us judge
not that we be not judged.
The prayers of both could not
be answered; that of neither
has been answered fully. The
Almighty has His own
purposes.”



“A sacred effort”

~Frederick Douglass



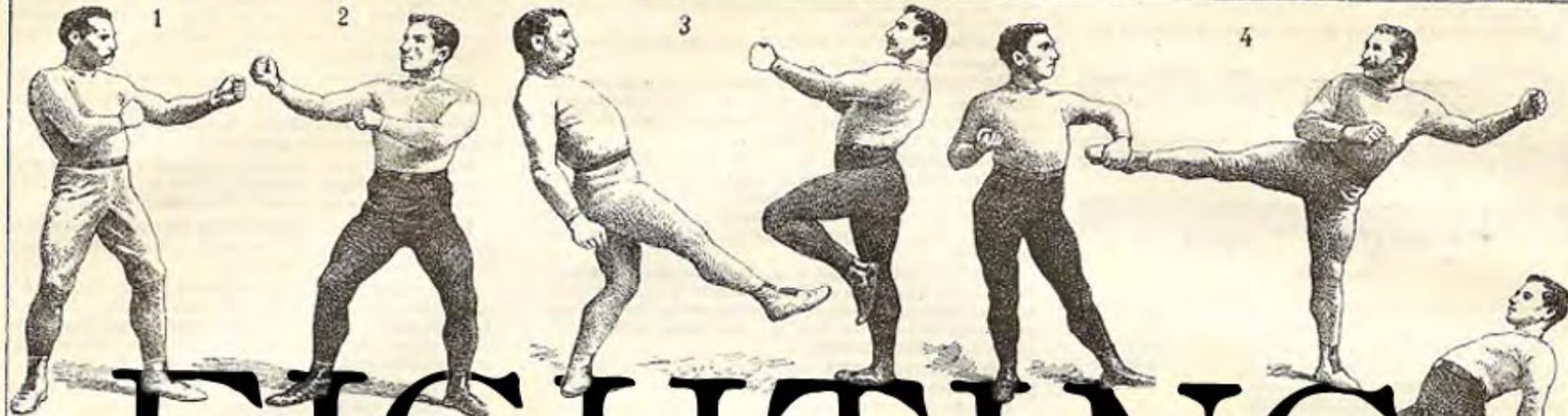


“would wear as well
as – perhaps better
than – any thing”

“not immediately
popular”

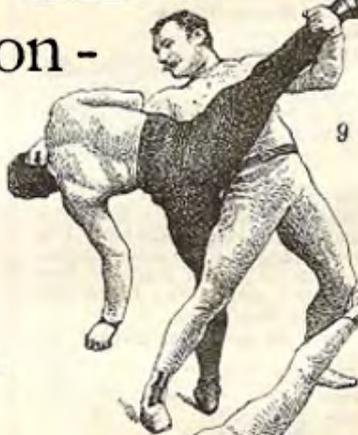
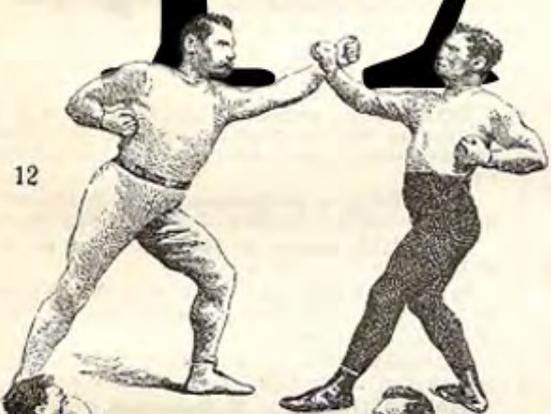


“Men are not flattered
by being shown that
there has been a
difference of purpose
between the Almighty
and them.”



FIGHTING FAIR

- conflict resolution -



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Fighting Fair – Conflict Resolution

1. Stuff Happens! Conflict is part of living in a fallen world

1. A Commitment to live at peace with everyone

1. How to say “I’m sorry”

1. Don’t find fault, Find a remedy; Anybody can complain

1. When everything else fails

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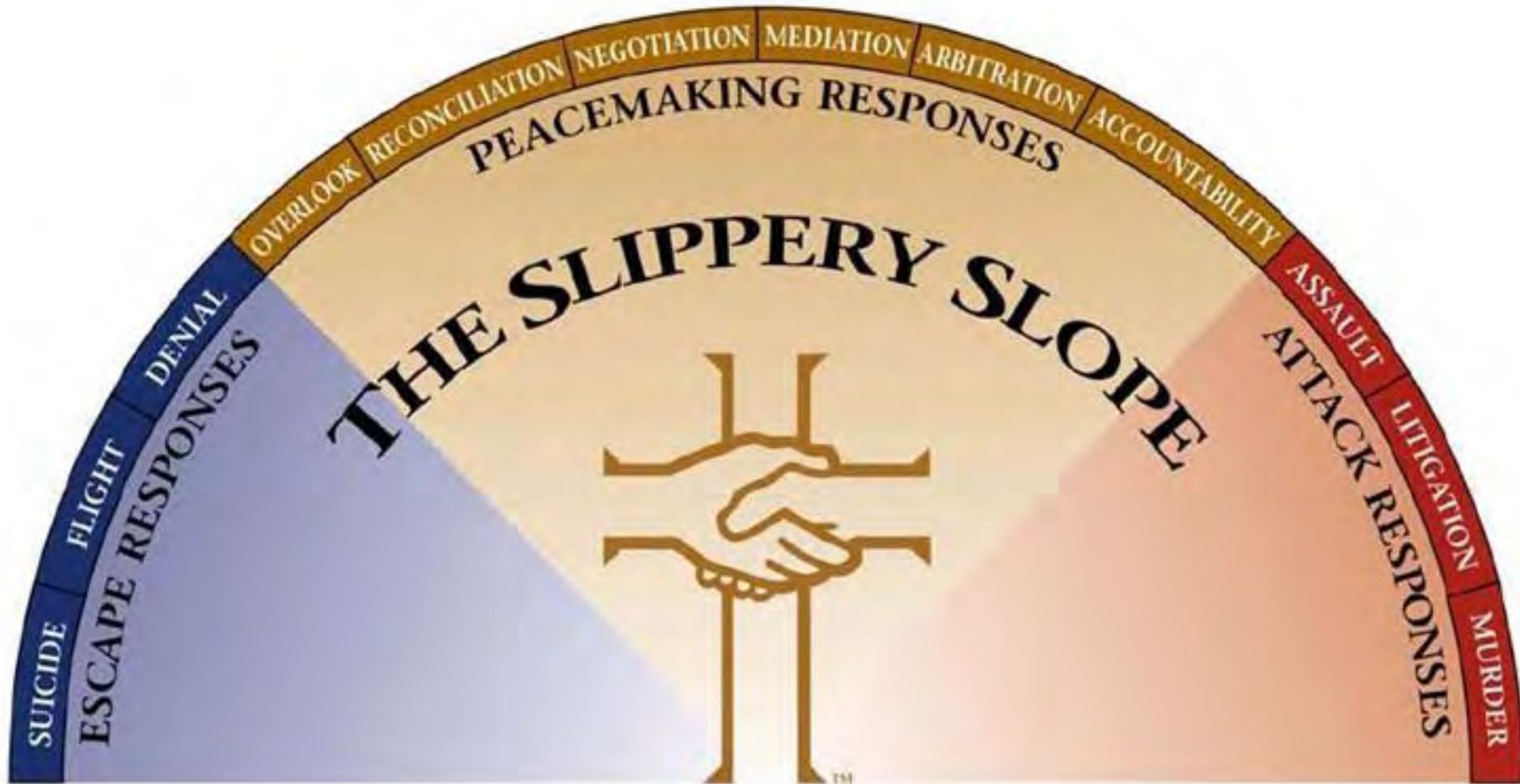
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2. Attack

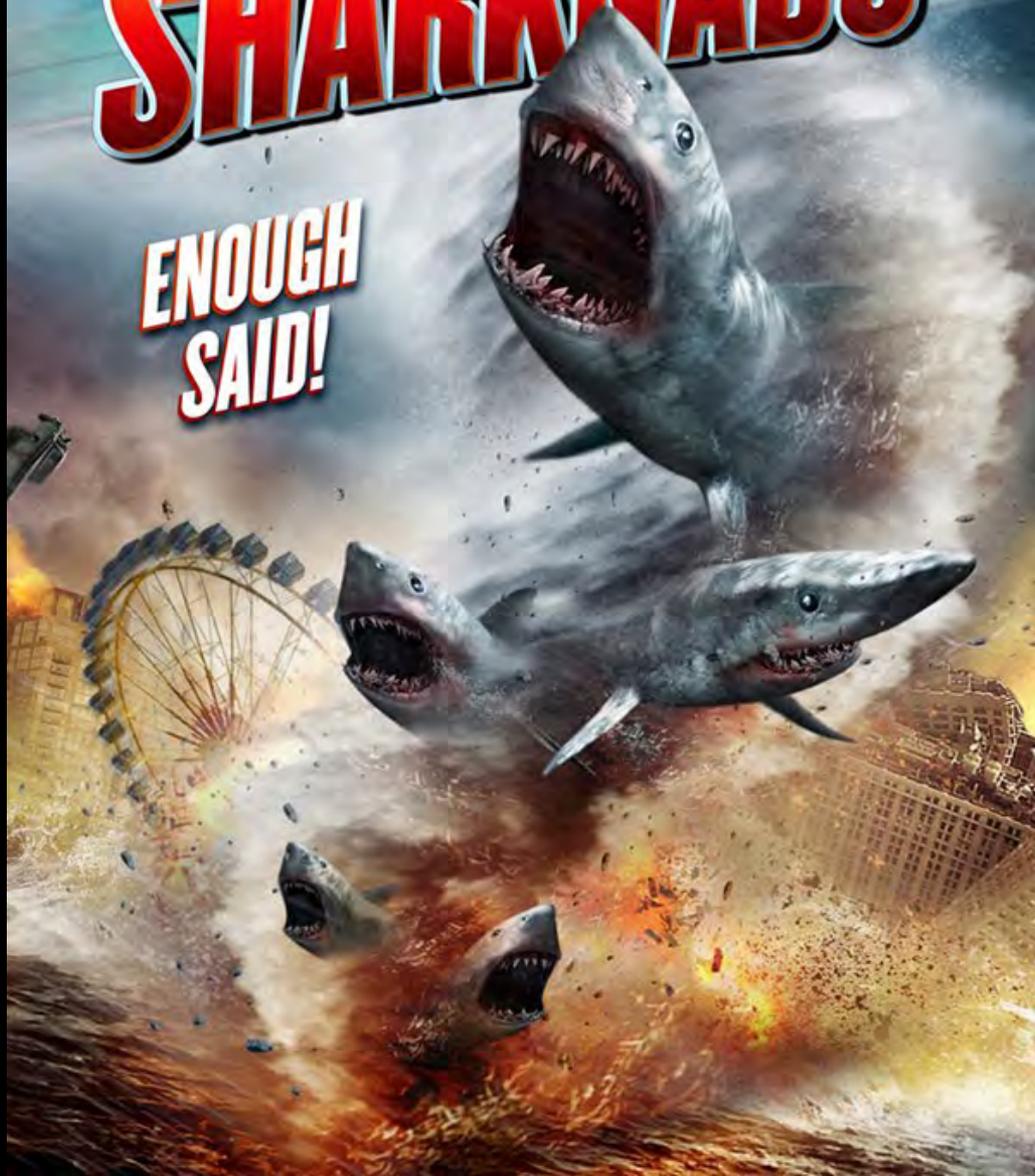
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IAN ZIERING

AND JOHN HEARD

SHARKNADO

ENOUGH
SAID!



The Slippery Slope of Conflict

1. Escape
2. Attack
3. Make Peace

Escape Responses

1. Denial

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2. Flight

Escape Responses

Flight

Exodus 2:11-15

11 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. 12 Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?"

Escape Responses

Flight

Exodus 2:11-15

14 The man said, “Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid and thought, “What I did must have become known.”

15 When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.

Escape Responses

1. Denial
2. Flight
3. Suicide

Escape Responses

Suicide

3rd leading cause of death amongst
adolescents (ages 10-24)

~Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Escape Responses



Picture provided by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Attack Responses

1. Assault

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2. Litigation

Attack Responses

Litigation

Matthew 5:25-26

25 “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

Attack Responses

1. Assault
2. Litigation
3. Murder

Attack Responses

Murder

1 John 3:15

Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

Personal Peacemaking Responses

1. Overlook an offense

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Overlook an offense

Proverbs 19:11

A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.

Personal Peacemaking Responses

1. Overlook an offense
2. Reconciliation

Personal Peacemaking Responses

Reconciliation

Matthew 5:23-24

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

Personal Peacemaking Responses

1. Overlook an offense
2. Reconciliation
3. Negotiation

Personal Peacemaking Responses

Negotiation

Philippians 2:3-4

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Assisted Peacemaking Responses

1. Mediation

Assisted Peacemaking Responses

Mediation

Matthew 18:15-16

15 “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

Assisted Peacemaking Responses

1. Mediation
2. Arbitration

Assisted Peacemaking Responses

Arbitration

1 Corinthians 6:1-8

1 When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? 2 Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? 3 Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! 4 So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church?

Assisted Peacemaking Responses

Arbitration

1 Corinthians 6:1-8

5 I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, 6 but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? 7 To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded? 8 But you yourselves wrong and defraud – even your own brothers!

Assisted Peacemaking Responses

1. Mediation
2. Arbitration
3. Accountability

Assisted Peacemaking Responses

Accountability

Matthew 18:17

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.

How is Hope at resolving conflict?

Gospel Application

Have you been reconciled to God?

Have you been reconciled to God?

Are you committed to peacemaking?

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“With malice toward none;
with charity for all; with
firmness in the right, as God
gives us to see the right, let us
strive to finish the work we
are in; to bind up the nation’s
wounds; to care for him who
shall have borne the battle,
and for his widow, and his
orphan – to do all which may
achieve and cherish a just,
and a lasting peace, among
ourselves, and with all
nations.”