

Message Notes

When all else fails

Scripture Passages

Introduction – “Conflict can be dangerous”

Where we have come from so far:

This week’s Message:

What do I do when nothing seems to be working?

Do I have to PAUSE on every conflict?
The Thomas-Killmann Chart Revisited

When do I simply overlook an offense?

Proverbs 19:11

Proverbs 17:14

Questions to ask yourself?

1. How have I been wronged here?
2. What did I do to bring this about?
3. Have I prayed about this, asking God whether or not to bring it up?
4. Do I need to be vindicated here?
5. Is this a “big deal”?
6. Is this my issue that it is a big deal?

Do I allow myself to be consumed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ? ~ Matthew 18:21-35

When do I involve another person to help?
Matthew 18:15, 16

When and how do I involve the church?
Matthew 18:17a

What am I to do when they are unrepentant?
Matthew 18:17b-20

1 Thessalonians 3:6, 11-15

1 Corinthians 5:5

~ A word to the overseers of HCC:

Acts 20:28-29

What if I was a victim of someone (thing)?

2 Timothy 4:14-15

Romans 12:19-21

When is it right to go to court?

Three big questions:

- a. Have I sought godly counsel on this issue?
- b. Who has jurisdiction here?
Romans 13:1-5
- c. Have I exhausted all other resources?

Gospel Application – Am I living Vertical so that
I can live Horizontal?

Proverbs 19:11

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

Proverbs 17:14

Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. ¹⁸“I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

Acts 20:28-29

²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.

Romans 12:19-21

¹⁹Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰On the contrary:

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.