

Key thoughts from today's message:

1. Conflict often occurs between you and somebody else because you expect them to meet a need in your life that only God can meet.
2. It is always more rewarding to restore a relationship than it is to resent it the rest of your life.
3. There is a big difference between humility and humiliation. Humility is the holding one's power for the good of others.
4. Whatever you want from God, whatever you want God to do in your life you've got to do it for others.

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A Biblical Pattern Of Reconciliation

"Those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness." James 3:18

THE CAUSE OF CONFLICT: _____

"What leads to strife, discord and feud, and how do conflicts, quarrels and fighting originate among you? They arise from your own selfish and sinful desires that are always at war inside you. You are jealous and covet what others have... You burn with envy and anger and aren't able to obtain the gratification you seek, so you fight and war. You don't have because you don't ask God." James 4:1-2 (Amp)

"For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will." Romans 8:7 (NLT)

THE CURE: _____

1. _____
"At one time you were far away from God and were His enemies because of the evil things you did and thought. But now, by means of the death of His Son, God has made you His friends, in order to bring you, holy, pure, and faultless, into His presence." Colossians 1:21-22 (GN)

"Everyone who believes in Jesus is freed from all guilt and declared right with God —something the Law of Moses could never do." Acts 13:39 (NLT)

2. _____
"If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask Him, and He will gladly tell you."
James 1:5 (LB)

3. _____
"If you're standing before the altar in the Temple, giving an offering to God, and you suddenly remember someone has something against you leave your offering there beside the altar. Go first and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your gift to God."
Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)

4. _____
"Why do you notice the little piece of dust in your friend's eye, but you don't notice the big piece of wood in your own eye? First, take the wood out of your own eye. Then you will see clearly to take the dust out of your friend's eye."
Matthew 7:3,5 (NCV)

5. _____
"Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry."
James 1:19 (NLT)

6. _____
"When we were unable to help ourselves, at the moment of our need, Christ died for us, although we were living against God."
Romans 5:6 (NCV)

"We were God's enemies, but we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son."
Romans 5:10 (NIV)

7. _____
Reconciliation = reestablish the relationship

Resolution = resolve every issue

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

GOD'S GOAL FOR HIS CHURCH

"God has restored our relationship with Him through Christ, and has given us the ministry of restoring relationships. He did not hold people's faults against them, and He has given us this message of restored relationships to tell others. We are Christ's representatives... We beg you on behalf of Christ to become reunited with God." 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (GW)

"God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God."
Matthew 5:9 (NLT)

WHO DO YOU NEED TO RECONCILE WITH?