
Caring For The Wayward

Lesson 4 – Resolving Conflict

Matthew 5:21-25

Is Jesus only concerned with outwards acts of harm or violence? What is the heart of the issue that needs to first be addressed here?

What should I do if I recognize my brother “has something against” me? How important or urgent is it that I pursue peace and reconciliation with my brethren? (consider also **Matt 5:9**)

Matt 18:15-17

If my brother sins against me (ESV, KJV, NKJV, CSB) what do I need to do about it?

Is there ever a time where conflict should be left unresolved among God’s people?

Prov 15:28; 29:20; 26:20-21

Compare the counsel of these verses with Jesus’ instructions to resolve conflict quickly (**Matt 5:25**). Is there any value in taking time and not being too hasty in addressing conflict? How should we balance these biblical principles?

1 Cor 3:1-7; Gal 5:14-21

What words do these passages use to describe conflict and division? What is the source of these problems?

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James 3:13-4:3

What words are used to describe conflict and division in this passage? What is the source of these problems?

What counsel are we given to help us avoid these things? What characteristics come with “wisdom from above” and how will this help promote peace among God’s people?

Heb 12:11-17

What is consistently placed alongside “peace” in this passage? (***vv. 11, 14; compare Jas 3:18***)

In pursuing peace with all men, what dangers do we need to be particularly careful about? (***compare Php 2:14***)

Eph 4:1-3

What characteristics are needed for us to effectively preserve unity among God’s people?

Eph 4:31-32; Matt 18:21-35

What should determine the manner and extent of our forgiveness toward those who have wronged us?

Tit 3:9-11

Are all controversies or disputes worthy of discussion? When is this the case and why?

How should we handle unnecessary conflict and division? Do we simply ignore it?