

Relationships - Making the Ideal Real

Unity – Rethinking Conflict and Resolution

Ephesians 3:20-4:3; James 4:1-10

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Big Idea: Conflict is inevitable, but not inescapable. (Ephesians 3:20-4:3)

How to Overcome Conflict – James 4

- **Recognize the Source (vv. 1-3)**
 - Unmet desires from within drive our conflict with others.
- **Grapple with Grace (vv. 4-6)**
 - Our willingness to extend grace is tied to the amount of grace we've experienced.
- **Prioritize Personal Humility (vv. 7-10)**
 - This is not a concession, but a confession that I need God's help.

Bottom Line: If you're going to fight, fight for peace. (Romans 12:18)

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you typically respond to being hurt, disappointed, or angry in your relationships? How does your reaction impact you and the future of those relationships?
2. Why is it crucial to address conflict rather than avoid it? How should we respond when the person we're engaged in a conflict with is unwilling to resolve it?
3. Why do we need spiritual transformation more than behavior modification when it comes to conflict? How can this help us wisely discern when and how to extend grace (forgive)?
4. What example or encouragement from Jesus can we draw on when we experience conflict?

Today's Worship Songs:

I Believe

His Mercy Is More

Thank You, Jesus

Abide

Come Thou Fount (Above All Else)

Worthy Is the Lamb

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