

HOW TO RESOLVE CONFLICT
#SermonConflict
Building A Stronger Family - Part 5
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Mark 3:25 A home filled with strife and division destroys itself. (LB)

James 4:1 Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that war within you. (NCV)

Psalm 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test my thoughts. (LB)

Seven Steps To Conflict Resolution

1. BECOME A BELIEVER

Ephesians 2:16 As parts of the same body, our anger against each other has disappeared, for both of us have been reconciled to God. And so the feud ended at last at the cross. (LB)

2. TALK TO GOD

James 1:5a If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him, and he will gladly tell you... (LB)

3. CHANGE YOUR FOCUS

Philippians 2:3-5 Don't be selfish... ⁴ Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and in what they are doing. ⁵ Your attitude should be the kind that was shown us by Jesus Christ. (LB)

Matthew 7:3,5 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? ⁵ You hypocrite! First, take the wood out of your own eye. Then you will see clearly to take the dust out of your friend's eye. (NCV)

4. ESTABLISH GROUND RULES

Ephesians 4:31 Stop being mean, bad-tempered, and angry. Quarreling, harsh words, and dislike of others should have no place in your lives. (LB)

5. GO AND MAKE PEACE

Matthew 5:23-24 So when you offer your gift to God at the altar, and you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there at the altar. **Go and make peace** with that person, and then come and offer your gift. (NCV)

6. ASK FOR ADVICE

Proverbs 13:10 Pride leads to arguments; **be humble, take advice**, and become wise. (LB)

7. DON'T GIVE UP

Galatians 6:9 And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we **don't get discouraged and give up**. (LB)