

Message Series:
Can We Get Along?
A Study on Biblical Peacemaking
May 24, 2009

Today's Message:
Glorify God
Philippians 4:2-5

Philippians 4:2-3 NLT

²Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement. ³And I ask you, my true partner, to help these two women, for they worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are written in the Book of Life.

Today's Main Thought: Glorify God the first G in the four G's of the peacemaking process.

Getting to the heart of the matter

Conflict – a difference in opinion or purpose that frustrates someone's goals or desires

Conflict starts in the heart, Proverbs 4:23

Followers of Christ will have conflict and it should be expected, v. 2; James 4:1-3

Making things right with others

- **Ask the question _____?**
- **Strive to maintain the bond of Christian unity, v. 2; Romans 12:17-19; 2 Timothy 2:22**
- **Continue to work together, v. 3**
- **Rejoice always! In God's mercy and goodness, v. 4**

- **Be an example of “sweet reasonableness”, v. 5; James 3:17**

Ministry of Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 Message

¹⁷Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it! ¹⁸All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other.

- **I need to build a bridge to: _____**
 - _____
 - _____
- How do I need to approach them? Do I need to call; get together with them; take someone with me when I talk with them; write a letter?
- What do I need to do?
 - Do I overlook the offense?
 - Do I need to confess my part in the conflict?
 - Do I need to offer loving correction?
 - Do I need to ask for forgiveness?
 - Do I need to offer forgiveness?
 - Do we need to just talk and air out some hard feelings or a misunderstanding?

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Get the Log Out of Your Own Eye