

“Honoring God in Conflict”

Honoring God in the midst of Unresolved Conflict

1. I will constantly and persistently bring God into the middle of my conflict.

Matt 5:44-45 *44 But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.*

1 Cor 6:6-7 *6 . . . one brother goes to law against another — and this in front of unbelievers! 7 The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already.*

2. I will seek to protect and honor the other party whenever possible.

1 Sam 24:1-4 *1 After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the Desert of En Gedi." 2 So Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crags of the Wild Goats. 3 He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. 4 The men said, "This is the day the Lord spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe.*

3. I will use my words to build up instead of destroy the other party.

1 Sam 24:8 *8 Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.*

4. Withdraw from the other person when necessary.

Luke 4:28-31 *28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. 30 But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way. 31 Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people.*