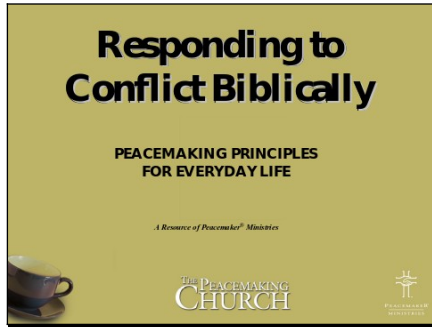


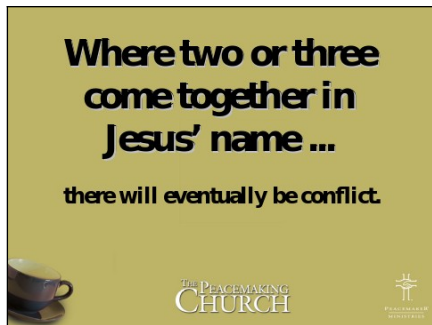
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Discussion Question

What is this video saying to us about conflict?




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What Is Conflict?

A difference in opinion or purpose that frustrates someone's goals or desires.




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On your note cards write...

1. One word that describes how I've responded to conflict in the past
2. One word that describes how I currently deal with conflict
3. One word that describes how I would like to respond to conflict




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Causes of Conflict...

- **Misunderstandings**
- **Differences in values, goals ...**
- **Competition over resources**
- **Sinful attitudes and desires**
- **Stress caused by change**



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Responses to Conflict




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Understanding Conflict and Our Responses to It

- **Escape Responses**
- **Attack Responses**
- **Peacemaking Responses**




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**ESCAPE
RESPONSES**

- **DENIAL**
 - Pretend that a problem does not exist
- **FLIGHT**
 - Run away
- **SUICIDE**
 - The ultimate escape



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**ATTACK
RESPONSES**

- **ASSAULT**
 - Use force or verbal attack
- **LITIGATION**
 - Take before a civil judge
- **MURDER**
 - "Kill" the opponent




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**PEACEMAKING
RESPONSES:
Personal Peacemaking**

- **OVERLOOK**
 - Quietly overlook and forgive an offense
- **RECONCILIATION**
 - Through confession or loving correction
- **NEGOTIATION**
 - Meet the substantive interests



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**PEACEMAKING
RESPONSES:
Assisted Peacemaking**

- **MEDIATION**
- Ask someone to help
- **ARBITRATION**
- Appoint someone to decide
- **ACCOUNTABILITY**
- Team/ Church leaders intervene



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**Responding to
Conflict Biblically**



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**Biblical Foundation
for Peacemaking**

- **Christ**
- **Church**
- **Counsel**
- **God's Word**



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**The Biblical Pattern
for Resolving Conflict**

Glorify God

Get the log out of your eye

Gently restore

Go and be reconciled



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**The First G:
Glorify God**

Imitate His grace towards us

Bring honor to His name

Obey His commands

Trust God



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**Peacemaking is Not
Optional**

- *Peace with God, others, and self*
- *Peacemaking is crucial to our testimony*
- *We must work hard at Peacemaking*



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Conflict provides opportunities to...

Glorify God
Serve other people
Grow to be like Christ



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The Second G:
Get the Log out of Your Eye

Examine my attitude,
then evaluate my shortcomings
and responsibilities



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Two Kinds of Logs

- A **critical, negative attitude**
- Actual **sinful words and actions**



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Discussion Question

What does this video teach us about making a good confession?




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The Seven A's of Confession

- Address everyone involved
- Avoid if, but, and maybe
- Admit specifically
- Acknowledge the hurt
- Accept the consequences
- Alter your behavior
- Ask for forgiveness (allow time)



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The Third G:
Gently Restore

Gently correct and restore a fellow believer.




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When Should You Go and Talk to Someone?

- *When a relationship is damaged*
- *When the offense is too serious to overlook*



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OVERLOOKING

Does the offense seriously dishonor God?

Does the offense permanently damage a relationship?

Does the offense seriously hurt others?

Does the offense seriously hurt the offender?




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Loving Correction

- **Help someone solve a problem**
- **Identify and lift a burden**
- **See own negative contribution to the problem and make a change**
- **Be a positive example to others**




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Seek to Restore

- Avoid lecturing
- Use good listening skills
- Focus on what God has done through Jesus to forgive and deliver you



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Preparing to Talk to Another

- Pray for humility and wisdom
- Plan words carefully
- Anticipate likely reactions
- Choose the right time and place
- Assume the best about the other person
- Listen carefully
- Speak only to build others up
- Ask for feedback from the other person
- Recognize your limits




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The Fourth G:
Go and Be Reconciled

Replace hostility and separation
with peace and reconciliation




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Christians are the most forgiven people in the world ...

Therefore, shouldn't we be the most forgiving people in the world?



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Forgive as God Forgave You

- How do we develop a spirit of forgiveness?
- Forgiveness is a decision involving four promises...



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Forgiveness is a Decision to Make Four Promises:

- I will not dwell on this incident
- I will not bring this incident up and use it against you
- I will not talk to others about this incident
- I will not allow this incident to stand between us or hinder our personal relationship



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**Forgiveness
Is Not...**

- A sentimental concept
- A feeling
- Forgetting
- Excusing
- A temporary pardon



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**Forgiveness means we must
renounce sinful attitudes
and expectations, not:**

- Expect the offender to earn or deserve our forgiveness
- Desire to punish the offender
- Demand a guarantee that it won't occur again



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Discussion Question

What does this video say to us as
brothers and sisters in Christ?



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Dealing with Unreasonable People

- We have di vine weapons (**PRAY!**)
- Control your tongue
- Seek godly advisors
- Keep doing what is right
- Recognize your limits
- The ultimate weapon: love
 - Protects you from your own bitterness
 - Can lead others to repentance



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Do Not Merely Listen to the Word...

- Focus on improving one or two peacemaking skills
- Memorize key Bible passages on peacemaking
- Commit to reconcile with someone in your life



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Philippians 4:4-9 Tells Us To:

- Rejoice in the Lord always
- Let your gentleness be evident
- Replace anxiety with prayer
- See things as they really are
- Practice what you've learned



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**“Blessed are the
peacemakers, for they will
be called sons of God.”**
Matthew 5:9



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