

Think Again!

“Resolving Everyday Conflict” series

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SOURCES OF CONFLICT

1. **Misunderstandings** (Joshua 22:10-34)
2. **God-given Diversity** (1 Corinthians 12-14)
Differences in Values/Goals (Acts 15:36-41)
3. **Competition over Limited Resources** (Gen 13:1-12)
4. **Selfish Desires** (James 4:1-3)

PROCESS OF CONFLICT

Spark – Gasoline – Fire

TWO COMMON RESPONSE PATHS

Escape

Hide – Flight – Run

“Escape” responses include:

- a. **Denial**
- b. **Flight**

Attack

Hurl – Fight – Win

“Attack” responses include:

- a. **Blame**
- b. **Assault**

PEACEMAKING RESPONSES – FOUR G’S

G-1 Go Higher – Glorify God

1 Corinthians 10:31

G-2 Get Real – Get the Log out of Your Eye

Matthew 7:5

G-3 Gently Engage – Gently Restore

Galatians 6:1

G-4 Get Together – Go & Be Reconciled

Matthew 5:24

PEACEMAKING GOAL

Reconciliation

THINK AGAIN

Recognizing Our Sin

Modeling Christ

Overlooking an Offense

HOMEWORK

Before you encounter another conflict, decide today how you can respond to model Christ.

- Will you determine now to silently count to five before you offer any response to some situation that could result in conflict?
- Is there a verse you will memorize in the next couple of days to recite to yourself when the conflict begins so you do not add to the problem?
- Can you seek counsel from a trusted believer to hold you accountable for your plan to be a better peacemaker?

If you have been hurt by someone recently, choose to forgive by not bringing it up & ask God for the power for you to demonstrate love toward that person – in spite of your pain