

Let Me Have Your Attention

“Resolving Everyday Conflict” series

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DEFINING OUR TERMS

Conflict: A difference in opinion or purpose that frustrates someone’s goals or desires. Ken Sande, The Peacemaker

Includes: Words • Actions • Attitudes

Peacemaker: Peacemakers are people who breathe grace. They draw continually on the goodness and power of Jesus Christ, and then they bring his love, mercy, forgiveness, strength, and wisdom to the conflicts of daily life. Ken Sande, The Peacemaker

PEACEMAKING RESPONSES – G-1

Go to Higher Ground:

Glorify God

1 Corinthians 10:31, John 17:1-23

The Attention goes to Him

Becoming a Peacemaker is a **Stewardship** issue.

Two things rise up when we lose sight of “higher ground.”

Pride Foolishness

Our responsibility to draw attention to God does not have any **Limits**.

STRENGTH TO GO HIGHER

• The Gospel Message

• **Rehearsing** all that He’s Done & all that We Have/Are in Christ

• **Obeying** what we Already Know

So...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31 NAS

HOMEWORK

Write out a list of 10-20 truths about who you are & what you’ve been given in Christ.

• **Read it over several times this week, esp. after a difficult day.**

In your next conflict, be the first to ask forgiveness – without excuse or explanation – & allow God to reveal His strength to handle whatever comes next