

Forgive or Face

“Resolving Everyday Conflict” series

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PEACEMAKING RESPONSES

G-1: Go to Higher Ground – Glorify God Remember what is most important during a conflict. 1 Corinthians 10:31, John 17:1-23

G-2: Get Real – (Get the Log Out of Your Eye) Take responsibility for your contribution to a conflict.

WHEN YOU’VE BEEN HURT, THERE ARE TWO CHOICES

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G-3: Gently Engage Others

G Gently Restore Help others see how they have contributed to a conflict. Galatians 6:1

INVENTORY ITEMS

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin (transgression), you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Galatians 6:1

1. Have you gotten the log out of your eye?

2. Are you being **Spiritual**?

3. Are you showing **Gentleness**?

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. Ephesians 4:15

4. Are you speaking the truth in **Love**?

GENTLY ENGAGING ALLOWS US TO HELP...

Mend broken people & **Restore** them to usefulness in God’s kingdom.

¹⁵If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. Matthew 18:15-16

Matthew 7:1-5

1. **Forgive:** Overlook Minor Offenses

2. **Face: Talk** in Private

3. **Face: Take One or Two** Others Along

ACQUIRING “WITNESSES”

Speak only to those who are **spiritually** mature enough to handle it – worthy of respect & trust.

You Initiate

Mutual Agreement

Invite those who know you **Both**

HOMEWORK