

THREE CORD STRONG

PRINCIPLES FOR BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

ENDURING RELATIONSHIPS

PART 4 OF 7



LifeGroups
Do Life Together

3 Cord Strong: Principals for Building Relationships

Title: Resolution & Peacemaking

Session 4

Getting Started:

How did you or your family handle conflict growing up?

From The Video:

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face **trials** of many kinds, because you know that the **testing** of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete not lacking anything.” **James 1:2-4 (NIV)**

The Truth about Conflict:

1. **Conflict is** _____.
2. **Conflict is an** _____ **for growth.**

The right way to confront:

“If a brother sins against you, go to him privately and **confront** him with his fault. If he listens and confesses it, you have won back a brother.” **Matthew 18:15 (LB)**

Confront _____.

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Questions:

Open:

When it comes to work, home, or church relationships, are you more likely to see conflict as an opportunity or an obstacle?

Digging Deeper:

- What emotional state of mind does James 1:2-4 encourage us to take whenever we face trials of many kinds? How can conflict help us grow in maturity and completeness?
- Read Matthew 18:15. Pastor John mentioned 4 steps to handle conflict in a Biblical way. Which step do you think is the hardest for most people to take? Which step is the hardest for you to take?
- The goal is never to “win” the argument; the goal should always be to “restore” the relationship. On a scale of 1-10, how important is it for you to “win” in conflict?
- Confrontation is never easy. What does it mean to attack the problem rather than attack the person? Why is it important to focus on how you feel, more than on what the other person did or didn't do?
- Based on the discussion, how have your thoughts or feelings changed about conflict resolution? Are there any conflicts you need to resolve or relationships you need to restore in the weeks ahead?