

You Still Make Me Crazy! **How to Resolve Conflict (Part 2)**

I. Introduction

- A. Take the initiative!
- B. Confess my part of the conflict!

II. How to Resolve Conflict

- A. Listen for the hurt.
 - 1. James 1:19b (NAS) *Everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger.*
- B. Consider their perspective.
 - 1. Philippians 2:4-5 (NAS) *⁴Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.*
 - 2. Psalm 139:3 (NAS) *You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways.*
- C. Tell the truth tactfully.
 - 1. Ephesians 4:15a (NAS) *But speaking the truth in love.*
 - 2. Proverbs 12:18 (NLT) *Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.*
 - 3. "You never get your point across by being cross."
 - 4. Truth, without love, is resisted. Truth, wrapped in love, is received.
 - 5. People must trust you before you can tell them the truth.
 - 6. Ephesians 4:29 (NAS) *Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.*
 - 7. We need to learn to attack the problem and not attack the person.
- D. Fix the problem, not the blame.

1. Colossians 3:8 (NLT) *But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language.*
2. Romans 14:13a (NLT) *So let's stop condemning each other.*

€. Focus on reconciliation, not resolution.

1. Matthew 5:9 (NAS) *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."*
2. It's always more rewarding to resolve the conflict than to dissolve the relationship!
3. John 1:12 (NAS) *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.*

III. Conclusion