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Women's Session — Dealing with Conflict

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INTRO: Matthew 5:9

I. Man's Problem: Conflict

James 4:1-2

Conflict comes from the _____ in your heart.

When we want something and feel that we will not be satisfied unless we get it, that desire starts to control us. If others fail to meet our desires, we sometimes condemn them in our hearts and fight harder to get our own way.

Ken Sande, *The Peacemaker*, p. 102

II. God's Solution: Peacemaking

A. Three kinds of peace that we are concerned about:

1. Peace with God
2. Inner peace
3. Peace with others (Peacemaking)

B. _____ is God's solution to dealing with conflict.

III. Your responsibility

A. Peacemaking is *not* _____.
Romans 12:18

1. *If possible*
2. *So far as it depends on you*

- a. Expect conflict. Handle your side of it, and let _____.
2 Timothy 2:24-26
- b. Don't jump into a conflict unless you have a _____.
Proverbs 26:17
- c. Don't "nit pick"; overlook as much as possible. You don't have to settle every issue.
Proverbs 10:12
- d. Listen humbly. Try to understand the other person's _____.
Ephesians 4:1-3
- e. Don't avoid people; if possible, move toward them _____.
1 Corinthians 13:5

B. Peacemaking is *not* _____.

The "Slippery Slope"

Corlette Sande, *The Young Peacemaker*

- 1. God may call you to do or say something that will _____ the peace.
Matthew 18:15

Galatians 6:1

- 2. Peace must not become your _____.

IV. Jesus' example
Colossians 1:20-22

Jesus _____ to make peace between you and the Father.

CONCLUSION: Matthew 5:9

*Those who strive to prevent contention, and strife, and war. Who use their influence to reconcile opposing parties, and to prevent lawsuits, and hostilities, in families and neighborhoods. Every man may do something of this; and **no man is more like God than he who does it.***

Albert Barnes, *Notes on New Testament*.