

HOW ARE WE GOING TO DEAL WITH CONFLICT?

Natural response
Learned response
Christ-like response

ROMANS 12:18

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you,
live at peace with everyone.

JAMES 4:1

What causes fights and quarrels among you?
Don't they come from your desires that battle
within you?

CONFLICT HAPPENS WHEN:

one of my desires is not met by someone
or
when someone blocks my desires

MATTHEW 7:3-5

Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye...first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

REFOCUS

God
Yourself
Other person

MATTHEW 18:15

If your brother sins against you, go,...
just between the two of you

CONFESS YOUR FAULTS

Avoid if, but or maybe

Admit specifically

Alter your behavior

Ask for forgiveness

REFOCUS

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Yourself
Other person

PERSONAL REFLECTION

What is God calling you to do today?
This week?

What one thing can you change that will
help you deal with conflict better?