

Message Notes & Thoughts

Passage: Various

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War & Peace, #1 *Dealing with Conflict*

Message Outline ...

There are three major ways that we can deal with conflict and most of us deal with conflict in one of the first two ways.

1. *Retreat*
2. *Rage*
3. *Renew*

✳ *Matthew 5:9*

Unresolved conflict in your life can affect your life and infect your soul.

1. Your intimacy with God being broken.

I John 4:20

2. Your prayer life being compromised.

Isaiah 59:1-2

3. Your happiness being destroyed

How do you know that you actually have unresolved conflict?

1. Avoidance-
2. Especially strong feelings
3. Regret

What would our family look like? What would our neighborhood look like? What would Ridgeline Community Church look like? What would our marriages look like? What could our relationships with our children look like if we lived out our identity as sons and daughters of God and pursued peace?

Isaiah 11:1-10

Questions for Growth continued...

- ◆ Conflict often begins when “my” feelings are hurt by the words or actions of someone else. Why are we at times so easily offended by the actions and words of others?

- ◆ Look at Proverbs 12:18. Within this verse we have both a positive and negative principle stated for us to consider. Which one is harder to personally apply?

- ◆ 1 Peter 3:8-11 talks about how we can be a blessing to others with our actions and words. Which principles for your life do you want to live out more fully on a day to day basis?

- ◆ Who do you have a “silent” conflict with right now? Ask God for the actions, the words and opportunity to begin to be honest with that person about this relational ‘break’ between you.

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