

How to Handle Conflict
Finding Hope in Hard Times—Part 1
Matthew 5:21-25
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Let's notice a few things before we dive in:

1. Anger can wipe out our _____.
2. Peacemaking is very _____.
3. Friction in the family must be _____ with.
4. Make it _____ when God reminds you.
5. Initiate _____ whether it's your fault or not.

Steps to Peace

Verse 24 lays out four steps for us to take when we have tension in a relationship:

1. _____ abruptly.
2. _____ quickly.
3. _____ reconciled.

Peacemakers Ministries suggest 7 "A's" of reconciliation:

- A_____ everyone involved (All those whom you affected)
- A_____ if, but, and maybe (Do not try to excuse your wrongs)
- A_____ specifically (Both attitudes and actions)
- A_____ the hurt (Express sorrow for hurting someone)
- A_____ the consequences (Such as making restitution)
- A_____ your behavior (Change your attitudes and actions)
- A_____ for forgiveness (Request release from the debt)

“Four Promises of Forgiveness” from Matthew 6:12; 1 Corinthians 13:5 and Ephesians 4:32:

I will not _____ on this incident.

I will not bring this incident up and use it _____ you.

I will not talk to _____ about this incident.

I will not allow this incident to stand between us or hinder our _____ relationship.

4. _____ worship.