

Conflict: “a difference in opinion or purpose that frustrates someone’s goals or desires.” (29)

### Ways to look at conflict. (22)

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ me.
2. An \_\_\_\_\_ to be conquered quickly no matter the consequences.
3. An \_\_\_\_\_ to solve problems in a way that honors God and benefits others.

### The Slippery Slope of Conflict

*Attack responses. (Focus on \_\_\_\_\_)*

For those more interested in \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_ relationships.

Conflict as a \_\_\_\_\_.

Opportunity to assert rights, take control of others, take advantage of others.

- Assault—Verbal, physical violence, etc. Always makes things \_\_\_\_\_.
- Litigation—Force people to bend to my will through the court system.
- Murder—so desperate to \_\_\_\_\_, resort to violence.

*Escape responses. (Focus on \_\_\_\_\_)*

For those who would rather \_\_\_\_\_ conflict than \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- \_\_\_\_\_—temporary relief, will only make things worse.
- Flight—\_\_\_\_\_ proper solution.
- Suicide—most severe / final attempt to escape.

*Peacemaking responses. (Focus on \_\_\_\_\_)*

- Overlook an offense
- Reconciliation
- Negotiation
- Mediation
- Arbitration
- Accountability

### Conflict Defined:

“A difference in \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ that frustrates someone’s \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.” (29)

### Causes of Conflict

1. \_\_\_\_\_ from poor communication.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ in values, goals, gifts, priorities, etc.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ over limited resources.
4. Sinful \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Conflict as opportunity.

“Conflict is an opportunity to demonstrate the love and power of God in our lives.” (See 1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1)

### Glorifying God

*Defined*

To glorify God is to “bring him praise and honor by showing \_\_\_\_\_ he is, what he is \_\_\_\_\_, and what he is \_\_\_\_\_.” (31)

*Practical ways we can glorify God*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ him. (Proverbs 3:5–6)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ him. (Matthew 5:16; John 17:4)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ him. (Ephesians 5:1–2)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ him. (Phil 2:13; 1 Pet 3:14–16)

### The Four G’s of Peacemaking

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.