

Sermon: The Joy of Confrontation (or The Holy Joy and Peace of Biblical Confrontation)
Scripture: Psalm 94

Introduction: Not “in” but “of”
Not about being argumentative (I Cor. 13:4; Eph. 4:29,32)
Heroes

- I. Seven examples of Biblical confrontation and the important goals of each:
- A. Example: Relationship
Goal: Reconciliation Matthew 5:33,34
 - B. Example: Brother or sister in sin
Goal: Repentance Matthew 18:15-17
 - C. Example: Injustice
Goal: Righteousness Ps. 94:1-7, 14-16; Is. 58:2-8
 - D. Example: Error
Goal: Truth Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-6; I Cor. 1:10-11; 5:1; 6:1; 7:1
 - E. Example: Self-confrontation
Goal: Obedience Phil. 2:12; Col. 3:5-9
 - F. Example: Problem-solving
Goal: Change Eph. 5:15-16; Rom. 12:1-2
 - G. Example: Unbelievers
Goal: Conversion Acts 1:8; 17:16-17

II. Seven reasons people will not engage in confrontation to which they are called:

Note: I Peter 4:8

- A. Because they are self-centered.
Example: Pharisees, Eli
- B. Because they are afraid.
Example: Judges 4:8; disobedient spies
- C. Because they love the world.
Example: Demas
- D. Because they are unbelieving.
Example: Elijah, Judas
- E. Because they want to be liked.
Example: Peter, Eli
- F. Because they are lazy.
Example: Proverbs 13:4; 24:30-31; Haggai 1:2-4
- G. Because they enjoy sin.

III. Five reasons there is a holy joy and peace in doing Biblical confrontation:

- A. Because of the goals achieved.
- B. Because the Christian delights in loving and obeying God (II Cor. 5:7,9; Eph. 2:8,10; Acts 5:41).
- C. Because there is much confidence in God’s truth (I Cor. 10:5; John 8:32).
- D. Because there is joy in loving others (Acts 8:4-8; II Cor. 2:3-4).
- E. Because Biblical confrontation glorifies God (Ex. 15:1-3).

Conclusion: Christ—the One who has done ultimate confrontation (John 4:34; 17:1-5; Matt. 20:18-19; Heb. 12:2).