

SO IF YOU ARE OFFERING YOUR GIFT AT THE ALTAR AND THERE REMEMBER THAT YOUR BROTHER HAS SOMETHING AGAINST YOU, LEAVE YOUR GIFT THERE BEFORE THE ALTAR AND GO. FIRST BE RECONCILED TO YOUR BROTHER, AND THEN COME AND OFFER YOUR GIFT.

**MATTHEW 5:23-24**

IF YOUR BROTHER SINS AGAINST YOU, GO AND  
TELL HIM HIS FAULT, BETWEEN YOU AND HIM  
ALONE. IF HE LISTENS TO YOU, YOU HAVE GAINED  
YOUR BROTHER.

**MATTHEW 18:15**



# Church is a Family

LIFE  
TOGETHER  
IN THE  
KINGDOM  
OF GOD

# MATTHEW 5

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CONFLICT IS AN  
**EXPECTED PART** OF OUR  
RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER  
FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.





THE MARK OF A CHURCH'S  
MATURITY ISN'T THE **ABSENCE**  
**OF CONFLICT**, BUT HOW  
**CONFLICT GETS DEALT WITH.**







# MATTHEW 5

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IF THE CONFLICT IS  
**YOUR FAULT, YOU GO**  
AND MAKE IT RIGHT.



# MATTHEW 18

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IF THE CONFLICT IS THE  
**OTHER PERSON'S FAULT,**  
YOU GO AND MAKE IT RIGHT.





SURELY HE HAS BORNE OUR GRIEFS AND  
CARRIED OUR SORROWS; YET WE ESTEEMED HIM  
STRICKEN, SMITTEN BY GOD, AND AFFLICTED. BUT  
HE WAS PIERCED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS; HE  
WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES; UPON HIM  
WAS THE CHASTISEMENT THAT BROUGHT US  
PEACE, AND WITH HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED.

**ISAIAH 53:4-6**



ALL WE LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY; WE HAVE  
TURNED—EVERY ONE—TO HIS OWN WAY; AND THE  
LORD HAS LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL.

**ISAIAH 53:4-6**







WE GROW THE MOST BY GOING  
**THROUGH CONFLICT, NOT  
RUNNING FROM IT.**





SPIRITUAL FORMATION OCCURS **PRIMARILY IN THE CONTEXT OF COMMUNITY**. PEOPLE WHO REMAIN CONNECTED WITH THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH ALMOST INVARIABLY GROW IN **SELF-UNDERSTANDING**, AND THEY **MATURE IN THEIR ABILITY TO RELATE IN HEALTHY WAYS TO GOD AND TO THEIR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS**. THIS IS **ESPECIALLY THE CASE** FOR

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THOSE COURAGEOUS CHRISTIANS WHO STICK IT OUT THROUGH THE OFTEN MESSY PROCESS OF INTERPERSONAL DISCORD AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION. LONG-TERM INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS ARE THE CRUCIBLE OF GENUINE PROGRESS IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. PEOPLE WHO STAY ALSO GROW. PEOPLE WHO LEAVE DO NOT GROW. WE ALL KNOW PEOPLE WHO ARE

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CONSUMED WITH SPIRITUAL WANDERLUST. BUT WE NEVER GET TO KNOW THEM VERY WELL BECAUSE THEY CANNOT SEEM TO STAY PUT. THEY MOVE ALONG FROM CHURCH TO CHURCH, EVER SEARCHING FOR A CONGREGATION THAT WILL BETTER SATISFY THEIR FELT NEEDS. LIKE TREES REPEATEDLY TRANSPLANTED FROM SOIL TO SOIL, THESE SPIRITUAL NOMADS FAIL TO PUT DOWN

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ROOTS AND SELDOM EXPERIENCE LASTING AND  
FRUITFUL GROWTH IN THEIR CHRISTIAN LIVES.

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2. A GENEROUS POSTURE



WHY DO YOU SEE THE SPECK THAT IS IN YOUR BROTHER'S EYE, BUT DO NOT NOTICE THE LOG THAT IS IN YOUR OWN EYE? OR HOW CAN YOU SAY TO YOUR BROTHER, 'LET ME TAKE THE SPECK OUT OF YOUR EYE,' WHEN THERE IS THE LOG IN YOUR OWN EYE? YOU HYPOCRITE, FIRST TAKE THE LOG

**MATTHEW 7:3-5**



OUT OF YOUR OWN EYE, AND THEN YOU WILL SEE  
CLEARLY TO TAKE THE SPECK OUT OF YOUR  
BROTHER'S EYE.

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