



## Sermon Series: Home Sweet Home



### March 15<sup>th</sup> – How to Get Along in Community

Ephesians 4:25-32

<sup>25</sup> Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. <sup>26</sup> “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a foothold. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

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Four keys to handling conflict effectively:

1. **Speak** the Truth. (Ephesians 4:25)
2. Deal with **Sin** correctly. (Ephesians 4:26-28)
3. Make **Sure** the words that come out of our mouths are pure and build others up. (Ephesians 4:29-31)
4. **Seek** to forgive each other. (Ephesians 4:32)