



When conflict destroys relationships, marriages, families, jobs, ministries, churches, communities, the winner is _____

You can learn to use conflict for _____

YOU MUST TAKE A _____

Ephesians 6:10-18

Good footing of experiencing the reconciling forgiveness of God
then
Stand in the right place

What do you do when you encounter conflict?



Flight / Run		Fight / Attack
	Peacemaking	
Self		"Them"

Resolving Conflict Requires _____

On the Border...

You can _____ an offense

A man's wisdom gives him patience;
it is to his glory to overlook an offense. Proverbs 19:11

It can be an opportunity to _____ God (Psalm 103:8-10)

Put on the armor of God!

To take a Stand
start by
Taking a Knee



Getting started...

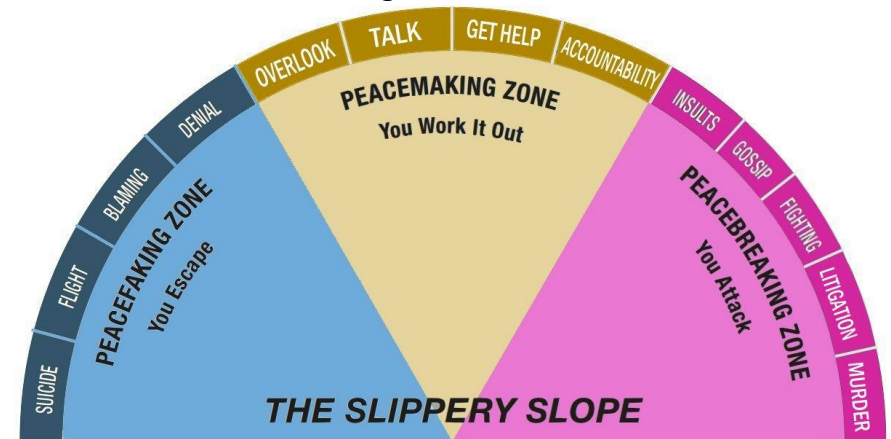
Check in with each other, have you seen answers to any prayers lately? How can people in your group pray for you?



Start sharing...

What is your normal response to conflict?

What examples of the good and bad of peacemaking can you think of in each of the zones on this diagram?



Going deeper...

Read Proverbs 17:14, 19:11 and Ephesians 4:2 – discuss what these passages say, and your thoughts on “overlooking an offense.”

When do you think it is wise to overlook?

When do you think hurts or wrongs must be addressed?

Where is the boundary between denial and overlooking?

What are the dangers of denial or pretending everything is fine?

Discuss questions or ideas which came to you during or after the sermon.

Start sharing...

What do you think about conflict as a battle against Satan? To what specific aspects of conflict is it important to apply Ephesians 3:18?

When is it hardest for you to stand (not run or fight) in conflict?

Start doing...

Read chapter 4 of *Resolving Everyday Conflict*

Who do you need to extend more grace to and overlook conflict?

Where do you need to step away from denial and deal with conflict?