



**A Second Chance vs. No Chance**

**Retributive Justice** – give people what is \_\_\_\_\_ them  
**Restorative Justice** – rehabilitation through reconciliation

**CONFLICT** – because people want different things  
 misunderstandings – opinions – wrongs done (sin)

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION IS \_\_\_\_\_**



To get work done you need firm footing and real strength

**Good Footing:**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**COLOSSIANS 1:13-23**



To understand Christianity, understand the \_\_\_\_\_

God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of conflict resolution

- **There is a \_\_\_\_\_**
  - The amount of sacrifice shows the depth of love
- **Requires a \_\_\_\_\_**
- **Requires both \_\_\_\_\_**

**Power for the Problem**



**I am  
 therefore  
 I do**



**Getting started...**

What experience (personal or through those you know) have you had with the criminal justice system? Did you encounter more retributive or more restorative justice?



**Start thinking...**

Briefly review the sermon together. What stood out to you as worth remembering? What questions were raised that you would like to discuss with our group?

**Going deeper...**

The Son of God redeems, and forgives. Read Colossians 1:15-18  
 Identify at least 8 characteristics of the Son of God:

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Which of these do you think are important for verses 19-20 to happen?

**Start sharing...**

Do you feel guilt before God? God has taken the first step of sacrificial love, offering forgiveness through Christ. What has been your experience in confessing to God and asking for forgiveness?

**“I am a loved, forgiven, and reconciled child of God”**

How much to you relate to this statement? Do you feel it?

**Start doing...**

Is there anything between you and God? Spend time in confession before a God who loves you completely, and offers grace to you.

Read chapter 3 of *Resolving Everyday Conflict*

Choose a verse from the box below and either memorize it or write a prayer of hope for dealing with conflict in this season of your life.

**Key Scriptures**  
 Proverbs 16:7; Matthew 5:9; Luke 6:27-28;  
 Romans 5:1-5; 12:17-19; Ephesians 4:31-32;  
 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; James 4:1-2