

RELATIONSHIPS MADE SIMPLE

SEPTEMBER 14/15 | "CONFLICT RESOLUTION"

When it comes to conflict, we have two instinctive reactions... **FIGHT** or **FLIGHT**.

Romans 12:17-18 | *Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.*

Matthew 18:15 | *If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back.*

Step 1: Conversation **ONE ON ONE**.

Matthew 18:16 | *But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses.*

Step 2: Bring in a **MEDIATOR**

Matthew 18:17a | *If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church.*

Step 3: Bring in an **AUTHORITY**

Matthew 18:17b | *Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.*