



Lesson three:
**RESOLVING
CONFLICTS**



THE BIG IDEA:

Preventing conflict is far more efficient than resolving.

**"WHENEVER YOU'RE IN CONFLICT WITH
SOMEONE, THERE IS ONE FACTOR
THAT CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN DAMAGING YOUR
RELATIONSHIP AND DEEPENING IT,
ATTITUDE."**



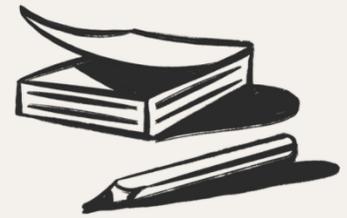
SCRIPTURE LESSON: ACTS 15:36-41

- 36 After some time Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's go back and visit each city where we previously preached the word of the Lord, to see how the new believers are doing."
- 37 Barnabas agreed and wanted to take along John Mark.
- 38 But Paul disagreed strongly, since John Mark had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in their work.
- 39 Their disagreement was so sharp that they separated. Barnabas took John Mark with him and sailed for Cyprus.
- 40 Paul chose Silas, and as he left, the believers entrusted him to the Lord's gracious care.
- 41 Then he traveled throughout Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches there.

"OUR LIVES BEGIN
TO END THE DAY
WE BECOME
SILENT ABOUT
THINGS
THAT MATTER."



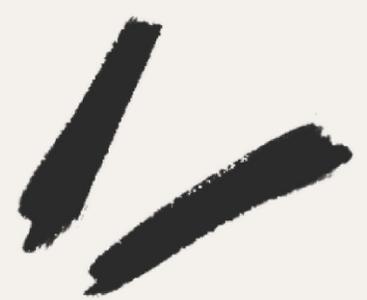
**"THE QUALITY OF OUR
LIVES DEPENDS NOT ON
WHETHER WE HAVE
CONFLICTS, BUT ON HOW
WE RESPOND TO THEM."**



I. DEALING WITH CONFLICT: WHAT NOT TO DO



1. DO NOT TELL
OTHERS.

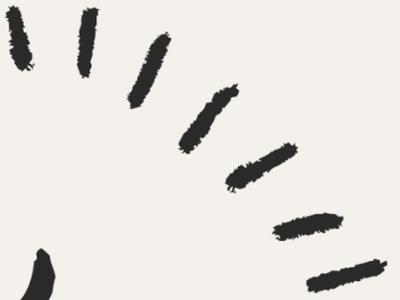




**2. DO NOT LASH
OUT OR GIVE
THE COLD
SHOULDER.**



**ECCLESIASTES 7:9, DO NOT BE
QUICKLY PROVOKED IN YOUR
SPIRIT, FOR ANGER SETTLES IN
THE LAP OF A FOOL."**



**"WHEN OTHERS LASH OUT AT YOU
IN ANGER WITH WORDS OR ACTIONS,
THEIR BATTLE IS NOT WITH YOU
BUT WITH THEMSELVES."**



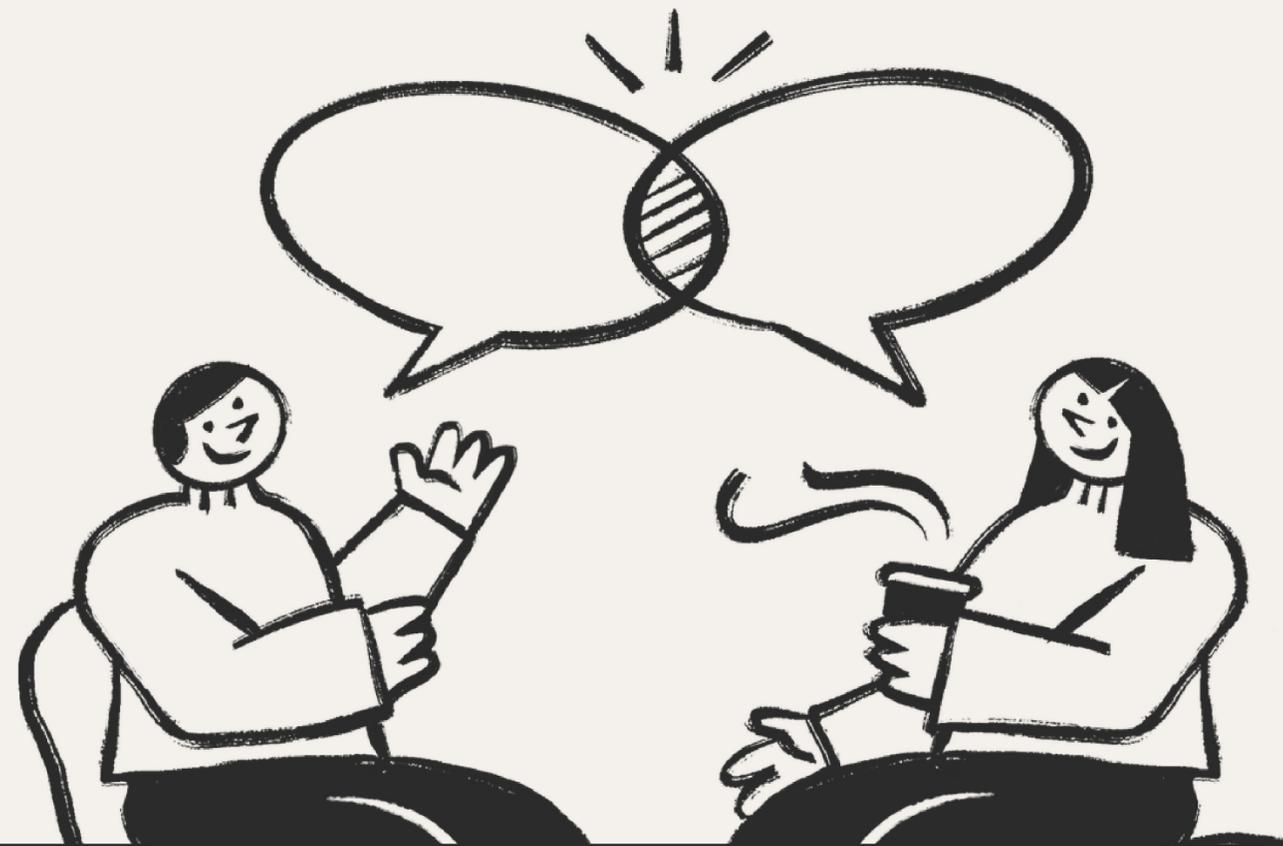
3. DO NOT COMPLAIN.





II. DEALING WITH CONFLICT: WHAT WE ARE TO DO

**A. TRY TO WORK
IT OUT.**



B. OVERLOOK IT.



PROVERBS 19:11

11 SENSIBLE PEOPLE CONTROL THEIR
TEMPER; THEY EARN RESPECT BY
OVERLOOKING WRONGS.



**"WHAT WE
KNOW MATTERS,
BUT WHO WE
ARE MATTERS
MORE."**



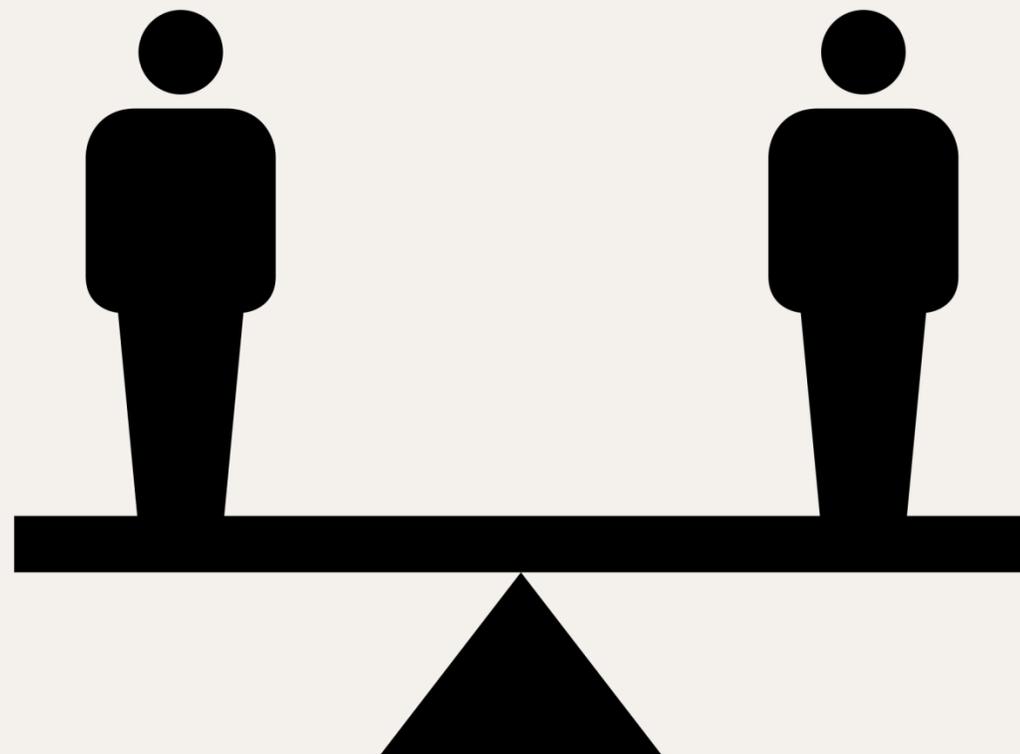
C. MOVE
FORWARD.



"IF YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING
ABOUT IT, THEN LET IT GO.

DON'T BE A
PRISONER TO THINGS YOU
CAN'T CHANGE."

D. UNITE UNDER A
COMMON CAUSE.



EPHESIANS 4:1-3

1 Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.

2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

3 Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

E. TAKE A LOSS.





1 CORINTHIANS 6:7, "WHY NOT RATHER BE WRONGED? WHY NOT RATHER BE DEFRAUDED?"





**"LET GOD BE THE
JUDGE. YOUR JOB
TODAY IS TO BE A
WITNESS."**

