



Fighting Words
Getting Started

Rate each item 1-5 (1- causes no conflict, 5 most likely to cause conflict)

- Dirty dishes
- Misplaced underwear
- Position of toilet seat
- Toothpaste
- Unmade bed
- Cell phone
- Overcrowded calendar

Who are the people in your life you are most likely to find yourself in conflict with that are not in this room right now?

In Depth

Read [Isaiah 32:17,18](#). How accurately does this verse portray your desires for you and the people you are in closest relationship to?

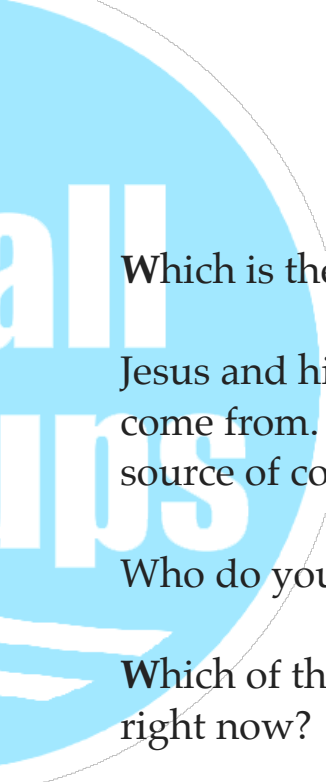
Read [Matthew 18:15](#). In this verse Jesus maps out a 7 step pattern for dealing with conflict.

Jesus 7 steps to resolving conflict.

"If there is a conflict:"

1. You
2. Go
3. To the person
4. In private
5. And discuss the problem
6. For the purpose of reconciliation





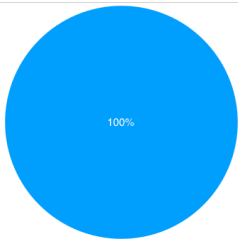
Which is the hardest step for you.

Jesus and his brother James have different opinions about where quarrels come from. Read [James 4:1-4](#) and talk about the differences between Jesus source of conflict (someone else’s sin) and Jame’s source of conflict.

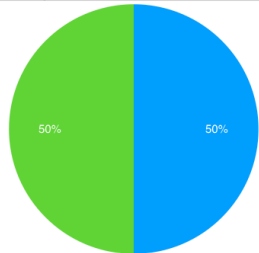
Who do you side with, Jesus or James?

Which of the following graphs most accurately portrays the conflict you are in right now?

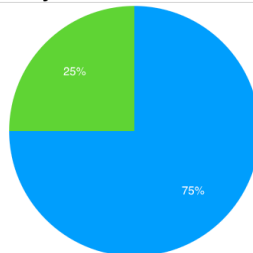
● IT'S ALL THEIR FAULT!!!



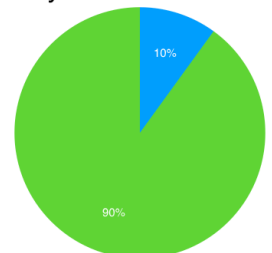
● My fault ● Their fault



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Do you agree with this statement? *“The starting point for resolving conflict is what is there inside of me that I need to work on.”*

Why or why not?

Read [Ephesians 4:14,15](#). Why is this verse so important in solving conflict in our lives?

(For additional information:)

Doug Britton writes about Five Bible-based steps to resolve conflicts and disputes. This is a great resource and worth the read. [Five Steps](#)

Close in Prayer

Take a few minutes to Pray together as a group.

