



# RESOLVING CONFLICT.

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FOR  
LASTING RELATIONSHIPS

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Matthew 5:21-26

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1. **Resolve relational conflict ALWAYS because God takes it seriously.**

*“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.”*

Matthew 5:21-22



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2. Realize nothing is more important because of the supremacy of Christ in all things.

*“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.”*

Matthew 5:23-24

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3. Recognize it just gets worse over time, so resolve relational conflict **NOW**.

*“Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.”*

Matthew 5:25-26



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## THE PRICE WE PAY

## FOR NOT RESOLVING RELATIONAL CONFLICT:

- It gives Satan a foothold (Ephesians 4:26-27)
- It leads to bitterness (Hebrews 12:14-15)
- It tarnishes the Lord's name (Romans 2:23-24)
- It forfeits fellowship with God (Matthew 6:12,14-15)
- It gives evidence of not being a child of God (Galatians 5:19-21)



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