



# Camarillo Community Church

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## “Repairing Relationships”

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**All verses from New Living Translation unless otherwise noted.**

Mark 3:25 (LB) “A home filled with strife and division destroys itself.”

### 1<sup>ST</sup> – THE REASONS FOR CONFLICT

James 4:1-2 (NCV) “Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that war within you. You want things, but you do not have them. So you are ready to kill and are jealous of other people, but you still cannot get what you want. So you argue and fight.”

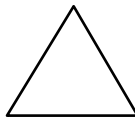
### 2<sup>ND</sup> – THE REACTIONS TO CONFLICT

1. My way
2. Your way
3. No way
4. Half way
5. Our way

### 3<sup>RD</sup> – THE RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT

1<sup>st</sup> Be come part of the body of Christ.

Ephesians 2:16 (LB) “As parts of the same body our anger with each other has disappeared, for both of us have been reconciled to God, and so the feud has ended at the cross.”



2<sup>nd</sup> Talk to God about the conflict.

James 4:2 (NCV) “You argue and fight. You do not get what you want, because you do not ask God.”

3<sup>rd</sup> Stop and analyze the problem.

Matthew 7:3-4 “And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye?”

1 John 1:8 “If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth.”

4<sup>th</sup> Schedule a peace conference.

a. Wisdom

James 1:5 “If you need wisdom—if you want to know what God wants you to do—ask him, and he will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking.”

b. Words

Proverbs 12:18 “Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.”

Proverbs 15:4 “Gentle words bring life and health; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.”

c. Window

5<sup>th</sup> Establish the ground rules.

1. No comparisons

2. No cannibalism

3. No captives

4. No challenges

5. No criticism

6. No contempt

7. No confusing

6<sup>th</sup> – Wash your laundry regularly.

Ephesians 4:26 “Don’t sin by letting anger gain control over you. Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a mighty foothold to the Devil.”

7<sup>th</sup> – Get help!

# Life Group Homework

## Getting Started

1. How does our culture contribute to an attitude of self-centeredness? How has this attitude of self-focus affect relationships with spouses, family and friends?
2. What insight, principle or observation from this Sunday's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

## Digging Deeper

We live in a culture that places emphasis on individual rights. This usually leads to an all-about-me attitude. Popular phrases such as "I did it my way" and "look out for number one" add to the cultural belief that our main concern in life should be to do what is best for me. Scripture challenges this thinking. God's word tells us to think of other's needs as more important than our own. When we do this, in God's grace and power, we will have life contentment and joy that far surpasses the world's view of happiness.

A life of service for Christ begins with our close relationships, usually those at home. When we learn to love through serving, thinking of the other's needs before our own, we set the cornerstone for solid relationships. Also, we learn to recognize the service and kindness others offer to us. Appreciation helps us guard against an easy developed attitude of criticism. A heart of humility, service and gratitude will strengthen your relationships with your spouse, family and friends.

Read Ruth 2:4-20 and 4:13-17.

3. How did Boaz respond to Ruth's needs? Consider specific details about how he cared for her physically, emotionally, and spiritually. What character qualities did Boaz exhibit which showed he walked with God?
4. Ruth responded to Boaz with a heart of gratitude and respect. What does respect and gratitude look like in our relationships?

Read Philipians 2:1-11.

5. Paul tells us to do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. How can these damage our relationships? Give some examples.
6. Describe how verse 2 can look in a relationship such as marriage or family?

Read Galatians 5:13-26

7. Verse 13 warns us not to use our freedom to indulge our sinful nature, but to serve one another in love. How do we do this? Why does our freedom in Christ allow us to lovingly serve each other?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

8. Why is it important to respect those that work hard among us? How does this relate to all our relationships, particularly in the home?
9. How does a thankful heart help us respect and admire our spouse, family and friends? How does it help us with patience? How does it help us live in peace with each other?
10. How does joy, prayer, and giving thanks relate? What role does each play in your close relationships?

## **Application**

11. Look closely at three of your relationships (such as your marriage, family or friends) and write down two things for each relationship they do that you have previously taken for granted or overlooked? How does this recognition help you appreciate these relationships even more?

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