

Women's Conference

No Longer Strangers

How to Live as Members of God's Household

"So then you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household" *Ephesians 2:19*

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August 28-29, 2015

Friday 7pm - 9pm & Saturday 9am - 4pm

Conference Schedule

Friday

Session One

7:00-9:00

Worship Center

Saturday

Coffee

8:30-9:00

Narthex

Session Two

9:00 -10:30

Worship Center

Session Three

10:45-12:00

Worship Center

Lunch

12:00-1:00

Narthex

Session Four

1:00 -2:30

Worship Center

Session Five

2:30-4:00

Worship Center

Schedule

Session 1 - No Longer Strangers

Ephesians 2:11-22

Friday Night, August 28, 2015

INTRODUCTION:

1. **An extreme alienation, 2:11-12.**

2. **The supreme reconciliation, 2:13-18.**

3. **Our serene unification, 2:19-22.**

Implications to consider (the rest of the conference!):

Outlines

Session 2 - No Longer Strangers

Ephesians 4:1-3

Saturday Morning, August 29, 2015

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:1-3

Examples of conflict:

Gen 3-4

Gen 6:5

Mt 22:15

Mk 9:33-35,

Acts 15:36-39

1 Cor 1:10-13

1 Cor 3:1-4

1 Cor 6:1-8

Gal 4:15

Phil 4:1-3

Jas 4:1-4

The Gospel:

"Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace." (Jerry Bridges)

Commands to live at peace:

Rom 12:18

Col 3:15

2 Cor 5:17-21

2 Cor 13:11

Eph 4:1-3

2 Tim 2:22

Heb 12:14

1 Pet 3:8-11

Mt 22:33-40

Preventing conflict:

Rom 12:18

Pr 4:23-24

Pr 10:19

Pr 12:18

Pr 15:1

Pr 18:2

Pr 18:13

Pr 18:17

Pr 21:23

Pr 25:11

Pr 26:17-23

Lk 6:45

Rom 14:19

Eph 4:20-32

Phil 2:3-4

Col 3:12-17

Col 4:6

Jam1:19

Jam 3:5-10

1 Peter

Attitudes of a peacemaker:

Gal 5:22-23

1 Cor 13:4-8

Eph 4:32

Rom 15:1-7

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Proverbs 28:13

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He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.

Proverbs 28:13

When I have sinned:

Heart sins:

Difference between a mistake and sin:

Counterfeit confession:

***7 A's of confession**

- 1. Address everyone involved (All those whom I have affected)**
- 2. Avoid if, but, and maybe (Do not try to excuse my wrongs)**
- 3. Admit specifically (Both attitudes and actions)**
- 4. Acknowledge the hurt (Express sorrow for hurting someone)**
- 5. Accept the consequences (Such as making restitution)**
- 6. Alter my behavior (Change my attitudes and actions)**
- 7. Ask for forgiveness (Allow time)**

When someone comes to me and I agree that I have sinned:

When someone comes to me and I don't agree that I have sinned:

"Don't be put off when a friend's observations may not be 100 percent accurate. I've found that there's truth to be gleaned at times even from an enemy's critique. Humility doesn't demand mathematical precision from another's input; humility postures itself to receive God's grace from any avenue possible." (C.J. Mahaney)

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Ephesians 4:32

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Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32

When I have been offended:

To forgive someone means to release from liability to suffer punishment or penalty.

Mt 18:12-35

**"If I have been injured by another, let me think to myself, how much better to be the sufferer than the wrongdoer".
R.C. Chapman**

"How often have I wasted precious time, by revolving in my mind all the aggravations of the injurious treatment to myself; while I am forgetful that every day I have offended God in a much greater degree! Forgetful, also, that I have daily received from him such tender mercies as might make me forget all the mischief that my fellow-creatures could do to me." James Meikle

Lk 17:3-5

When someone else is offending and does not realize it:

Preference or sin?

Overlook:

Pr 19:11

1 Pet 4:8

Restore:

Gal 6:1

***There are times that the other person's sins are too serious to overlook:**

- **Is it dishonoring God?**
- **Is it damaging your relationship?**
- **Is it hurting others?**
- **Is it hurting the offender?**

Pr 27:6

Pr 28:23

Pr 31:26

Mt 7:12

***If I need to go:**

- **Determine if I contributed to the problem and if I did, seek forgiveness first –it may mean waiting to address the other person's sin against me. Mt 7:3-5**
- **Forgive the person in prayer before going—this will help me to be ready to grant forgiveness. Eph 4:23**
- **Go graciously and tentatively. Pr 18:17**
- **Remember my attitude should be humble, gentle, and patient. Col 3:12-17**

***If they agree and seek my forgiveness:**

- **I will grant them forgiveness.**
- **I will not dwell on this incident.**
- **I will not bring up this incident again and use it against them (unless admonishment is needed).**
- **I will not talk to others about this incident (gossip).**
- **I will not allow this incident to stand between us or to hinder our personal relationship.**

***What does my attitude and what should my actions be towards an unrepentant offender?**

Lk 6:27-36, Eph 4:29

- **Control my tongue and continue to say only what is helpful and beneficial to others.**
- **Seek counsel support and encouragement from spiritually mature advisors.**
- **Keep doing what is right no matter what others do to me.**
- **Recognize my limits by resisting the temptation to take revenge and by remembering that being successful in God's eyes depends on faithfulness, not results.**
- **Continue to love my enemy by striving to discern and address his or her needs.**

Session 5 - No Longer Strangers

Luke 6:27-28

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But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Luke 6:27-28

***Mini course in handling conflict
Philippians 4:2-9**

- **Rejoice in the Lord always.**
- **Let your gentleness be evident to all.**
- **Remember the Lord is near.**
- **Replace anxiety with prayer.**
- **Believe that God's peace will guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus.**
- **Think on what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good repute, excellent and praiseworthy.**
- **Practice what you've learned.**

Reconciliation and restoration:

From John Piper:

- **resisting revenge**
Rom 12:19
- **not returning evil for evil**
1 Thes 5:15
- **wishing them well**
Lk 6:28
- **grieving at their calamities**
Pr 24:17
- **praying for their welfare**
Mt 5:44
- **seeking reconciliation so far as it depends on you,**
Rm12:18
- **and coming to their aid in distress.**
Ex 23:4

Recommended Resources

Books:

***Agape Leadership*: Robert Peterson & Alexander Strauch**

***Communication and Conflict Resolution*: Stuart Scott**

***Exemplary Spiritual Leadership*: Jerry Wragg**

***Forgiveness*: John MacArthur**

***From Forgiven to Forgiving*: Jay Adams**

***Opening Up Proverbs*: Jim Newheiser**

***Respectable Sins*: Jerry Bridges**

****The Peacemaker*: Ken Sande**

***War of Words*: Paul David Tripp**

***When Sinners Say "I Do"*: Dave Harvey**

Websites:

www.gbcaz.org

www.girltalkhome.com

www.gracegems.org

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