

(D2: The Home, D3: Ministry) Peacemaking: Responding to Conflict Biblically

The Wellspring Purpose and Disciplines:

Introduction:

The Path of Peacemaking:

Peacemaking, like all aspects of the Christian life, BEGINS with our hearts, and AIMS for God's Glory being displayed, through Saved and Sanctified Lives, Growing and Strengthening His church. If sin and conflict threaten to take us off that aim, we must purposefully walk the "Path of Peacemaking", taking the steps of Repentance, Forgiveness and Reconciliation.

1. Our Hearts

2. "The Path":

a. Repentance

The 7 A's of Confession (Ken Sande):

1. Address Everyone involved
2. Avoid 'if', 'but', and 'maybe'
3. Admit specifically
4. Acknowledge the hurt
5. Accept the consequences
6. Alter your behavior
7. Ask for forgiveness, allowing time for healing

b. Forgiveness: Matthew 18:21-35

...Is Commanded

...Is a Decision

...Is Ongoing

c. Reconciliation

4 Potential Scenarios:

- You are the offending sinner; you go to seek forgiveness: Matthew 5:23-24
 - The Heart
 - The Aim
 - The "Path"

- You are the offending sinner and they confront you
 - The Heart
 - The Aim
 - The "Path"

- Someone else is the offending sinner and they come to you seeking forgiveness
 - The Heart
 - The Aim
 - The "Path"

- Someone else is the offending sinner and you may need to go talk to them
 - The Heart
 - The Aim
 - The "Path"