

Peacemaker Biblical Resolving Personal Conflict

But, as Lou Priolo reminds us, many other things that the Bible exhorts us to do—such as convicting, rebuking, and admonishing other Christians—make conflict a necessary part of the Christian life. Lou takes us through the biblical principles of conflict resolution, beginning before conflict even starts. He shows us the prerequisites we must have in place as we go into conflict, what is at the heart of our conflict, what makes it biblical or unbiblical, and how we should respond to it. He also shares practical steps and advice, giving us specific talking points to resolve conflict and journaling exercises that help us to grow when it happens. Learn how to "make every effort" to maintain unity—even when that effort must start with conflict! Book jacket.

This book is an answer to the great need the church has for a practical approach to conflict resolution in the church. It focuses on scripturally-based, peace-making attitudes within the African church context.

"The Heart of Addiction Workbook" provides a deeper study into the problem of addiction from a Christian perspective. The workbook is intended to draw the reader closer to Christ while facilitating the cultivation of a close, meaningful relationship with a trusted Christian friend.

Helps readers move beyond the wounds and baggage of bitterness, disagreements, and broken relationships. "True or false: most Christian pastors and counselors agree on what forgiveness is and how it should take place." This question is part of Chris Brauns's Forgiveness Quiz that draws readers into his book and gets them thinking about the subject of forgiveness. The truth is, pastors and counselors disagree profoundly on this subject. Unpacking Forgiveness combines sound theological thinking and honesty about the complicated questions many face to provide readers with a solid understanding of biblical forgiveness. Only God's Word can unpack forgiveness. The wounds are too deep for us to find healing on our own, and the questions are too complex to be unraveled by anything but the wisdom of God. This book goes beyond a feel-good doctrine of automatic forgiveness, balancing the beauty of God's grace and the necessity of forgiveness with the teaching that forgiveness must take place in a way that is consistent with justice.

When human beings are involved in any endeavor, conflict is inevitable. But the best fight is the one a church never has to have because its members have been intentionally cultivating practices that lead to peace and preserve unity. Whether they are dealing with conflict right now or hoping to avoid it later, church members, pastors, and ministry leaders will benefit from the proactive approach to peacemaking found in The Peacemaking Church, which will equip them with the knowledge and practices they need to instill in their church leadership and membership. Foreword by Ken Sande.

Women have a strong desire for relational connections. Relationships between women can be especially enriching, but when conflict arises, they also can be especially damaging. Too many women approach conflict as if they were unbelievers—with gossip, spiteful actions, bitterness, and even hatred. In Peacemaking Women, Tara Klena Barthel and Judy Dabler offer a meaningful, lasting message to lead women out of conflict to a state of peace where they can live as representatives of Christ to one another and well as unbelievers. With advice that is firmly rooted in Scripture, the authors bring sound, practical help for women who want to know what the Bible says

about conflict resolution and how to achieve peace in their relationships with God, self, and others.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." But it often seems like conflict and disagreement are unavoidable. Serious, divisive conflict is everywhere-within families, in the church, and out in the world. And it can seem impossible to overcome its negative force in our lives. In *The Peacemaker*, Ken Sande presents a comprehensive and practical theology for conflict resolution designed to bring about not only a cease-fire but also unity and harmony. Sande takes readers beyond resolving conflicts to true, life-changing reconciliation with family members, coworkers, and fellow believers. Biblically based, *The Peacemaker* is full of godly wisdom and useful suggestions that are easily applied to any relationship needing reconciliation. Sande's years of experience as an attorney and as president of Peacemaker Ministries will strengthen readers' confidence as they stand in the gap as peacemakers.

If you have struggled personally against the powerful draw of pornography, or if you have ever tried to help someone fighting this battle, you know how hard it is to break free. But real freedom isn't found by trying harder to change. Nor is it found in a particular method or program. Only Jesus Christ has the power to free people from the enslaving power of pornography. In *Finally Free*, Dr. Heath Lambert, a leader in the biblical counseling movement, lays out eight gospel-centered strategies for overcoming the deceitful lure of pornography. Each chapter clearly demonstrates how the gospel applies to this particular battle and how Jesus can move readers from a life of struggle to a life of purity. If you or someone you care about is fighting this battle, there is good news: No matter how intense or long-standing the struggle, Jesus Christ can, will, and does set people free from the power of pornography.

Are you getting the spiritual nourishment you need? We all know what it's like to eat an unbalanced diet or consume too many sweets. We feel sick, light-headed, and occasionally depressed, or we become irritated and edgy. It's the body's way of letting us know that it's lacking sufficient nourishment. Optimal health requires optimal nutrition. The same is true, spiritually speaking. Without sufficient and regular biblical nutrition, our inner lives begin to suffer the consequences. We become shallow and selfish, more demanding, and less gentle. We react impatiently, rashly, and angrily. These are tell-tale signs of inner malnutrition. In *God's Word for You*, respected Bible teacher Chuck Swindoll shows us how to dig into Scripture and uncover its profound truths for our lives. Chuck invites us to sit down and feast on the truths found in God's Word.

Improving your powers of communication can encourage powerful communication with your parishioners. *A Pastor's Guide to Interpersonal Communication: The Other Six Days* provides students preparing for the pastoral ministry with specialized training in communications that focuses on the kind of one-on-one conversations they can expect to have with their parishioners. This comprehensive book examines a variety of essential topics, including perception, self-disclosure, verbal and nonverbal messages, listening, stages of relational development, power assertiveness and dominance, conflict management, forgiveness, persuasion, dual relationships, pastoral family communication, and how to develop a communications model. Each chapter includes "Pastoral Conversations," real-life dialogues presented for analysis; "Key Concepts" for quick student review; "Meanings Mania," self-tests on vocabulary; and "Unleashing the Power of Interpersonal Communication," student exercises that reinforce the practical aspects of key principles. While many pastors have a great love for the people they minister to, they have difficulty demonstrating that love because they lack the skills to develop and maintain relationships. This book explores how

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communication works and how to make it work for you, applying the best available interpersonal communications techniques to your relationships with the real people of the church—your parishioners. *A Pastor's Guide to Interpersonal Communication: The Other Six Days* examines: how self-disclosure works and when it's appropriate for a pastor stumbling blocks and building blocks for effective listening the differences between power, assertiveness, and dominance and when to use each conflict management styles and negotiation strategies several myths about forgiveness dual relationships and how to avoid them pitfalls to avoid in pastoral family communication and much more *A Pastor's Guide to Interpersonal Communication: The Other Six Days* is an essential resource for Bible college students and for students at the pre-ministerial and seminary levels. It's also a valuable professional tool for clergy practitioners who need help with their communication skills.

As people face addictions, deal with loss and grief, and seek help in restoring broken relationships, where can they turn for counsel and assistance? The local church has been uniquely blessed with the gift of the gospel and is able to offer hope and counsel that no other institution on earth can. In *Biblical Counseling and the Church*, Bob Kellemen and Kevin Carson have assembled over twenty respected ministry leaders who examine the relationship between counseling and the church. This comprehensive resource, part of the *Biblical Counseling Coalition* series, helps leaders and counselors develop a vision that goes beyond being a church with a biblical counseling ministry to becoming a church of biblical counseling—a church culture that is saturated by “one-another” ministry. Divided into five parts, *Biblical Counseling and the Church* will help church leaders: Unite the pulpit ministry of preaching the Word with the personal ministry of the Word in counseling Offer practical and theological training to equip counselors Launch and lead a counseling ministry, regardless of the size of your church Bring together the relational focus of small group ministry with the ministry of care and counseling Better understand the relationship between biblical counseling, church discipline, and conflict resolution Learn how to use counseling in outreach through “missional” biblical counseling—moving biblical counseling beyond the doors of the church and into the world

He argues that lasting conflict and misery between enemies is the result of an emotional, cognitive, and ethical failure to self-examine, and that the true transformation of a troubled society is brought about by the spiritual introspection of extraordinary, determined individuals. The book is unique in that its central body is the actual words of peacemakers themselves as they speak of their struggles to overcome the death of loved ones and to find common ground with adversaries. Most of these accounts are from peacemakers who have hardly written before. This is a treasure trove for scholars and the general public who seek to understand the conflict and its peacemakers at a far deeper level. These remarkable stories reveal a level of inner examination that is rarely encountered in the literature of political science, international relations, or even conflict resolution theory.

Conflict is inevitable, but peace, especially among Christians, is essential. When conflict turns into peace, frustration becomes clarity and turmoil becomes unity. When conflict turns into peace, God is glorified. But how do we find peace without ignoring our problems? How do we pursue unity without compromising on our principles? *The Path of a Peacemaker* offers a simple, proven path to a lifestyle of peace. It guides you through an examination of your own personal story, identifying the origins of your hopes and fears. It invites you to understand and embrace God's approach to conflict, take responsibility for your own part in conflict, and connect with others in a spirit of humility as you learn to listen first, ask for forgiveness, and move forward, even if the conflict remains unresolved. Pastors, counselors, and anyone who is dealing with conflict at home, work, church, or with friends will find this book a vital tool. Practical suggestions on how to avoid and overcome the destructive interpersonal conflicts many churches have experienced with leaders, members, and pastors.

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Where there are people, there are disagreements and misunderstandings. The author of *30 Days to Taming Your Tongue* (more than 500,000 copies sold), a popular speaker, and a relationship strategist, Deborah Smith Pegues draws on biblical principles, personal experience, and research to show how to approach difficult situations so relationships are strengthened rather than broken. Meeting face-to-face to resolve an issue is difficult, but Pegues makes it easier by revealing how to avoid complications, sharing examples of good communication, and offering specific steps for dealing with conflicts. Readers will discover: effective and compassionate techniques for handling conflict practical strategies for resolving conflict how personality types influence discussions suggestions for minimizing defensiveness ideas for developing and promoting cooperation *Confronting Without Offending* gives readers the tools to successfully talk over and resolve issues and misunderstandings at home, at work, and in social situations.

What if reconciliation is central to the biblical message? And what if Christians are now awakening to the gospel of peace? *Reconciled: Conflict Transformation for Ordinary Christians* by international mediator John Paul Lederach offers guidance for Christians in Scripture and personal applications of reconciliation. Originally published as *The Journey Toward Reconciliation* and based on Lederach's work in twenty-five countries across five continents, this revised and updated book tells dramatic stories of what works--and what doesn't--in resolving and transforming conflicts. A section of resources for congregations and small groups offers litanies, discussion questions, resource lists, and practical ideas for peacemaking in everyday life.

Arrays of approaches address the role of religion in conflict and its resolution *Serious, divisive conflict is everywhere--within families, in the church, and out in the world. Here, the president of Peacemaker Ministries presents a comprehensive and practical theology for conflict resolution designed to bring about not only a cease-fire but also unity and harmony.*

Peacemaking is the mission of God, so it should also be the vocation of his people. But do we know what it means to be makers of peace? Jon Huckins and Jer Swigart offer a theologically compelling, richly personal, and intensely practical set of tools that equip us to join God in the restoration of broken relationships, unjust systems, and global conflicts.

Have you ever noticed that conflict is absolutely everywhere? Though we all want harmony in our relationships and our world, peace seems so hard to come by. Maybe for you, conflict looks like the latest culture war that relentlessly screams at you to pick a side, and you're tired of all the fighting. Or perhaps it takes another shape, like a hot-tempered spouse, rebellious child, passive-aggressive friend, difficult church member, withdrawn roommate, or angry social media comment. No matter its form, conflict always finds us. And often, we let it overtake us. In this short, biblical, and practical book, pastor and author Tony Merida shows us that it doesn't have to be this way. Merida not only paints a stunning picture of Christ our Peacemaker, he also shows us how to stop wishing for peace and go make it. In these pages, Tony will help you: Discover where conflicts come from Realize conflicts don't have to define you, scare you, or undo you Stop allowing your relationships simmer in a place of division, anger, or strife Understand the pattern and power of Christ as the ultimate Peacemaker Tap into the Spirit's supernatural ability to change you in the midst of your conflicts Learn how to overcome evil with good Anticipate conflicts and resolve them in biblical, Christ-centered ways Stop waiting for peace to "hopefully" come to your doorstep. Instead, in the power and strength God provides, become a person who can make the peace you

so deeply desire, and watch your relationships transform.

A Guide to Resolving Relational Conflict You have conflict in your life—we all do. You encounter it in your home, your workplace, your school, or even your church. All around us tensions exist and disputes persist. Offered here is a step-by-step process for pursuing peace in ALL your relationships and a tool you can use to help others. This guide is: **BIBLICAL** — relies on the absolute authority, sufficiency, and life-giving power of God's Spirit-breathed Word **CHRIST-CENTERED** — depends on the forgiving and empowering grace of Jesus **PRACTICAL** — provides concrete action steps, case examples, discussion questions, and suggested language to handle specific situations **PROVEN** — offers tried and true methods from a pastor, professor, counselor, and certified Christian conciliator who has led couples, churches, and Christian schools to make peace for nearly thirty years Packed with wisdom and practical techniques, here is a manageable book on reconciliation that will send you on your way to pursuing peace while helping others to do the same.

Living Confidently in God's Unfailing Love Grace is amazing because it is God's provision for when we fall short of His standards. Unfortunately, too many of us embrace grace for our salvation but then leave it behind in our everyday lives. We base our relationship with God on our performance rather than on His love for us, even when we intuitively know that our performance cannot earn us the love we so desperately crave. Isn't it time to stop trying to measure up and begin accepting the transforming power of God's grace? The product of more than ten years of Bible study, Navigator author Jerry Bridges's *Transforming Grace* is a fountainhead of inspiration and renewal that will show you just how inexhaustible and generous God's grace really is. This edition includes the full study guide, which was formerly available as a separate product (ISBN 9781600063046).

Conflict abounds in the church of Jesus Christ. Reconciliation within the body, however, will not happen with the right 'method' or 'set of principles.' In *Making Peace*, readers are challenged to place their church and all of its dissension under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Ken Sande, author of the bestselling classic *The Peacemaker*, has long been a trusted resource on the topic of conflict resolution. In *Resolving Everyday Conflict*, Sande distills his message to the essentials, quickly equipping readers with the tools they need to bring peace to their relationships. Everyone encounters conflict--whether it be with a coworker, family member, friend, or complete stranger. And yet we all desire harmony in our relationships. *Resolving Everyday Conflict* is a practical, biblical, concise guide to peacemaking in everyday life that can turn tumultuous relationships into peaceful ones. "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." —Romans 12:18 Conflict happens. It's a painful reality of life in a fallen world. But we don't need to be content with broken relationships—conflict resolution is possible. God's intention for us and for the world is for all to live in peace with one another, and Christian peacemakers have an unparalleled opportunity to be true ambassadors of reconciliation. Rick Love, founder and president of Peace Catalyst International, shares the principles that have guided his peacemaking efforts around the world. Masterfully blending Scripture and personal experience, he provides a biblical framework for how the God of peace seeks restoration for all who experience conflict—in the home and workplace and even across international borders. With the life of Jesus as the prime example, Love equips and empowers peacemakers of all stripes to integrate evangelical witness with commitment to reconciliation. We can walk in the footsteps

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of Jesus as catalysts of peace, bringing transformation and hope to a world crying out for healing and forgiveness.

Tragic confrontations at schools throughout the past two decades are striking evidence that teens need help and training in peaceful conflict resolution. God knows each conflict a teen goes through--with their families, friends, and teachers--and he is in control. In this student edition of *The Peacemaker*, Ken Sande and Kevin Johnson show teens, youth leaders, parents, and pastors, how they can apply biblical principles to conflict situations, allowing for forgiveness and reconciliation instead of hatred or violence. With an approachable style that treats teens with respect, this much-needed resource can be used individually or as part of a small group or youth group study.

Disputes, discord and reconciliation were fundamental parts of the fabric of communal living in early modern Europe. This edited volume presents essays on the cultural codes of conflict and its resolution in this period under three broad themes: peacemaking as practice; the nature of mediation and arbitration; and the role of criminal law in conflicts. Through an exploration of conflict and peacemaking, this volume provides innovative accounts of state formation, community and religion in the early modern period.

The newly reformatted Young Peacemaker Set *The Young Peacemaker Set* includes a 200 page Teacher Manual designed in a workbook format, and the appendices can be photocopied for child or student use. Divided into three sections: Understanding, Responding and Preventing Conflict, each lesson has a goal, objectives, principle, and needs clearly outlined at the beginning, and is followed by teacher's notes on setting the stage and questions to ask. Reproducible student activity sheets for all twelve lessons are included on an enclosed CD for ease of duplication. Help illustrate the conflicts and talk about possible solutions--good and bad--and what's wrong with the "bad" solutions. A lesson summary reaffirms the lesson's main points. Recommended for grades 3-7, but can be adapted for younger or older students. Attorney Ken Sande, executive director of Peacemaker Ministries, lays out biblical principles for managing conflict and reconciling differences between individuals, following Christ's admonition that we live in peace and harmony.

This helpful resource provides a blueprint for developing a spiritually strong and effective ministry team in the local church. Pastors will find the book useful as a regular reference to "tune up" their staff to foster a healthy, unified, effective team.

Discover practical advice on resolving conflicts and dealing with crises within the church---and learn how to turn each situation into an opportunity for grace. In this hope-filled book, experts Barthel and Edling take you through the Acts 15 model of approaching dissension in order to provide a clear, godly way forward to redemptive reconciliation. 204 pages, softcover from Hendrickson.

Conflict in churches is a pervasive problem we know all too well. *If You Bite & Devour One Another* is the only book of its kind, examining all the biblical passages on conflict and outlining key scriptural principles for handling various kinds of conflicts among Christians--whether personal disputes, issues of Christian liberty in lifestyles, congregational matters, or disagreements about important doctrines. The book emphasizes Spirit-controlled attitudes and behaviors through solid Bible exposition and true-to-life stories of Christians handling real-life conflicts in a Christ-honoring way. Book jacket.

You Don't Have to Dread Conflict Every church will experience conflict at some point. But it doesn't have to destroy you. In fact, conflict can be an incredible opportunity, if you know how to seize it. Unfortunately, very few churches use the opportunity well, but your church can. Michael Hare, PhD, has been helping churches recover (and even grow) from conflict for over 20 years, and now he can help you too. Learn: how to recognize healthy and unhealthy conflicts what the five levels of conflict are and why they matter how to design an action plan that will succeed how to prevent unhealthy conflict before it begins With copious case studies

and practical tools, you'll find it's surprisingly manageable to develop these new skills. Learn to lead confidently in the face of conflict and invest in your church's future today. PLUS! Additional Resources in the back include: Conflict management Style Survey Conflict Assessment Tools Interview Questions for Assessing Conflict and more! "I enthusiastically endorse this book and welcome it as a valuable addition to the growing stable of peacemaking resources!" KEN SANDE Author of the Peacemaker and Founder of Peacemaker Ministries and Relational Wisdom 360 "Few things break God's heart more, and cause the hosts of hell to rejoice more, than conflict among His followers. My friend Mike Hare is well-qualified to prepare church leaders with practical intervention strategies (brought to life by case stories) that enable us to anticipate, analyze, and resolve conflict, moving step-by-step through processes that result in unity and blessing." DR. WESS STAFFORD President Emeritus, Compassion International Author of Too Small to Ignore and Just a Minute

A changed heart is the bright promise of the gospel. When the Bible talks about the gift of a new heart, it doesn't mean a heart that is immediately perfected, but a heart that is capable of being changed. Jesus' work on the cross targets our hearts, our core desires and motivations, and when our hearts change, our behavior changes. It's amazing to watch people who once seemed stuck in a pattern of words, choices, and behaviors start living in a new way as Christ changes their hearts.

This 108 page guide walks you from beginning to end through a specific conflict in your life. You will discover your story, remember God's truth, and make a plan for the future.

Providing practical tips, ideas, and suggestions drawn from many years of experience, the president of Peacemaker Industries presents a valuable conflict resolution tool, based on biblical wisdom and principles, that will bring about harmony and unity in every aspect of life. Original.

Seminaries generally are not very effective in equipping pastors to be ministers of reconciliation, says pastor and experienced mediator Alfred Poirier. The result is pastors trained in biblical exposition, well-ordered worship, and good theology, but with little practical know-how about one of the most important functions they will be expected to perform: conflict resolution. The Peacemaking Pastor provides a survey of the nature and kinds of conflict typical in the pastorate to bring to light the need to recover the ministry of reconciliation. Poirier, chairman of the board of Peacemaker Ministries, shows pastors the importance of a reconciliation ministry, gives them a theological framework for peacemaking, and provides practical tools for facilitating the peacemaking process. Written by a pastor for pastors, this insightful book will encourage and equip seminaries and ministry leaders in their original calling—promoting a culture of peacemaking in the church.

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