

Conflict

Where two or more are gathered together there will probably, at some point, be conflict. While most of the time conflict is associated with a negative experience, that is not always true. Sometimes conflict isn't necessarily bad. God created us as unique individuals with different desires, convictions and temperaments. We do live in a fallen world with our own different circumstances and while some conflicts can leave us energized, most of the time we are left exhausted. Our attempts to resolve conflict tend to run the gamut from attack mode in a desire to win a conflict at all costs to denial mode to avoid a conflict at all costs. Extreme responses in either direction can equal greater losses to all involved. God has addressed conflicts in the Bible. He has explained why conflicts occur and how we should deal with them. Conflicts provide an opportunity to bring God glory, to celebrate how He has created us uniquely, and to learn to accept and work with others with differing views. If you are struggling with a conflict, please go to libertypark.org/biblical-counseling for help.

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