



Asbury Church

Sermon Notes
June 10, 2018
"Stormy Weather"
Proverbs 3:3-4



I. Conflict

- A. When conflict is not dealt with or resolved the relationship _____.
- B. The climate of your relationships improves when conflict is _____, not ignored.
- C. When it comes to conflict there are two types of people: Conflict enjoyers and conflict _____.

II. Loyalty and Kindness

- A. Whenever there is conflict in a relationship and we avoid it, we are not being _____ to the other person.
- B. Conflict avoiders need to _____.
- C. The number one mistake when it comes to conflict resolution is "fundamental attribution error" – whenever two sides assume _____ on the other side.
- D. Conflict enjoyers need to _____ first.

III. Improving the relationship climate

- A. If you extend loyalty and _____ you are going to create a great climate on the other side of you.
- B. This week _____ that God would place on your heart the person who you need to extend loyalty and kindness to.

Things I would like to remember about this message:

Asbury Daily Study Guide

INTRODUCTION

Conflict gets a bad rap. The goal of any relationship isn't to have no conflict; it's to be able to resolve conflict in healthy ways. When there's unresolved conflict, the relationship flat lines, emotions get frozen, and the relationship gets stuck. The climate of your relationships will improve when you resolve conflict instead of ignoring it.

Monday: James 1:19-21

James, the brother of Jesus, tells us that we should be slow to talk and quick to listen. This is great advice for everyone in a relationship, but especially for conflict enjoyers. Did you ever interact with someone who didn't listen to you? What was it like to be on the other side of that person?

Tuesday: I Corinthians 13:4-8

In Paul's famous love passage he says that love rejoices with the truth. However, sometimes the truth is not always easy to hear. Sometimes we have to have difficult conversations with people we love. Has someone you know ever avoided telling you a hard truth? If so, how did that person's silence effect you?

Wednesday: Matthew 5:21-24

In this passage you can see how much Jesus wants us to reconcile our conflicts. He says "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift." How are you at conflict resolution? Are you a conflict avoider or enjoyer? How does that play out in your relationships?

Thursday: Matthew 7:1-6

Jesus talks a lot about judging others. Sometimes when conflict arises we make false assumptions about a person's motives. Management theory and management experts call this the "fundamental attribution error." Have you ever committed the fundamental attribution error—when you've wrongly made assumptions about someone else's motives. What happened as a result?

Friday: Proverbs 3:3-4

What are some ways you can "write" loyalty and kindness deep within your heart?

MOVING FORWARD

Think of one relationship in your life that needs some conflict resolution. Pray about it. Ask God how to approach that person with loyalty and kindness. Then do it.

Answers to the sermon notes:

- IA) flat lines, B) resolved, C) avoiders.
- IIA) loyal, B) engage, C) motive, D) listen.
- IIIA) kindness, B) pray.