

CROSS CHURCH

FEBRUARY 27-28, 2021

SPACE BETWEEN US PART 5: PRAISE CLOSES THE GAP

PROVERBS 16:2 *All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the LORD.*

JAMES 1:19-20 *My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.*

HOW TO RESOLVE CONFLICT GOD'S WAY:

1. Don't wait to take initiative.

There are two things you should not wait on:

- **The other person.**

EPHESIANS 4:3 *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

- **Time.**

1 JOHN 4:20 *"If anyone says, 'I love God' yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who hates his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen."*

EPHESIANS 4:26 *Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry...*

2. Listen First.

PROVERBS 18:13 *To answer before listening—that is folly and shame.*

PROVERBS 29:20 *Do you see someone who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for them.*

MATTHEW 18:15: *"just between the two of you."*

3. Don't minimize the other person's feelings.

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PROVERBS 18:17 *You may think you have won your case in court, until your opponent speaks.*

4. Tell your story.

5. Apologize and ask for forgiveness for your part.

COLOSSIANS 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

6. Get help.

PROVERBS 17:14 Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.

What is the Holy Spirit speaking to me today and how can I apply it?

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