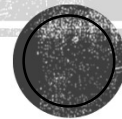


PEACEMAKING AND PRESUPPOSITIONS

Resolving Conflict in the Run of the Life with Gospel Wisdom



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WHY STUDY PEACEMAKING AND PRESUPPTS?

- Conflict is all around us
- The devastating effects of being a poor peacemaker
- The difficulty of being good peacemaker
- The difficulty of evaluating peacemaking efforts
- The importance of presuppositions, assumptions and expectations for peacemaking
- The biblical command to be unified and live at peace with one another if at all possible (texts to come)



2

CONFLICT: THE WOODPILE AND GASOLINE

- The Battle in the Heart
 - Jas. 4:1-2 – “What causes fights and quarrels among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain so you fight and quarrel.”
 - Gal 5:16-17 – “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.”
- The Desire-Demand Transition
 - “I *desire* this thing. I *expect* this thing. I *deserve* this thing. I *must have* this thing.”



3

CONFLICT: THE SPARK

- Diversity collides (beliefs, desires, philosophies, best practices etc.)
- Communication breakdown
- Provocation
- “Triggers”



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