

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS



A Biblical Approach to
Forgiveness and Reconciliation

God's Strategy for Conflict Resolution



Therefore understanding and implementing God's strategy is crucial if we are to extend and receive forgiveness that brings reconciliation and healing in Christian relationships.

Questions to Ponder Before Implementing God's Strategy



- Have I examined myself yet?
- Do I know for sure I am right in this situation?
- How important is this issue?

Matthew 18:15-17

15. If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. 16. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. 17. If he refuses to not listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

Matthew 18:18-20



18. “I tell you the truth is, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

19. “Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20. For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them.”

God's Strategy



I. Confrontation

II. Consultation

III. Revelation

Old Testament Principle

Deuteronomy 19:15-

One witness is not enough to convict a man accused of a crime or offense he may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Chris Braun: Unpacking Forgiveness

“Recognize your complete and total dependence upon God. Remember, comparing yourself with another person spiritually is like an ant being proud that he is taller than another ant while standing in front of Mount Everest. **Only God is Great!**”

Romans 5:10&11

10. For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of His Son, how much more having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11. Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have received reconciliation.