



***“If we are created for worshipful community with God and humble community with others, the enemy of our souls will do everything he can to destroy that community.”*** - Paul Tripp

## The Problem of Sin

Sin brings conflict—with God, with others and within ourselves.

**Matt. 15:18-20, James 4:1-3, Ps. 55:12-14, 88:8-9**

## The Path of Forgiveness

Forgiveness is commanded. **Matt. 18:21-22, 33-35**

Forgiveness is costly to offer. **Matt. 18:24-27**

Forgiveness is costly to withhold. **Matt. 18:28-30**

Forgiveness is complex. **Matt. 18:21-22**

<u>VERTICAL</u>	<u>HORIZONTAL</u>
event	process
cost	condition
attitude	transaction

## The Power of the Gospel

Reconciliation is about the gospel. **2 Cor. 5:18-19**

Reconciliation is about sanctification. **2 Cor. 5:19-20**

Reconciliation is about hope. **2 Cor. 5:17**

## PUTTING CONFLICT TO USE

Have a gospel plan for conflict and reconciliation. **Rom. 12:17-21**

*DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL*

*I will not repay evil for evil or seek revenge.*

*OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD*

*I will have a prepared goodness, peaceful disposition and patient submission on the Lord...like Jesus modeled for me.*

Have a gospel hope in conflict and reconciliation. **Is. 59:9-11, Gal. 2:20**

*God can use my conflict with others to change me.*

*Christmas shows that redemption is already and not yet.*