

Pursuing Peace in Marriage Conflict: A Gospel-Centered Approach

“Peace in the home is not simply a desirable domestic goal; it exemplifies and embodies what we are made for. As human beings we were made for shalom. A peaceful marriage enables couples to live out their calling before God. It is one of the most practical ways to live out the truth of the Gospel.” *Called to Counsel, Jonathan Holmes, page 160.*

Understanding Conflict James 4:1-6

- ◆ Conflict is a reality in marriage. *Galatians 5:19-21*

- ◆ Conflict is a heart issue. *Matthew 15:17-20*

- ◆ Conflict is a unique opportunity for growth. *Matthew 5:9*

- ◆ Not all conflict is equal. *Proverbs 18:13*

Gospel Implications to Address Conflict

- ◆ Peace-**Romans 5:1-2**

- ◆ Perspective-**Hebrews 12:1-3**

- ◆ Purpose-**Colossians 3:1-4, 2 Corinthians 5:14**

Goals for Pursuing Peace

- ◆ Expressions of godly love-**Ephesians 5:1-2**

- ◆ Experiencing godly unity-**Ephesians 4**

Principles to Promote Peace James 4:6-10

- ◆ Explore gospel implications. *Titus 2:11-14*

- ◆ Examine the root of the issue. *Luke 6:45*

- ◆ Emphasize the importance of humility. *Philippians 2:3-4*

- ◆ Encourage personal responsibility. *Romans 12:18, 14:19*

- ◆ Example tangible ways to move toward each other. *1 Peter 3:8*

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