



How to Say, "Let's Make This Work"

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REALITY: Any time two imperfect people (or people who think they are perfect) are together, there will be _____

BIBLICAL TRUTH: Conflict left alone will cause _____ and ultimately _____ a family

And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

Mark 3:25 (NKJV)

REASON: The reason for most conflict is competing _____
- James 4:1-2

REACTION: Everyone reacts to conflict _____

FIVE GENERAL REACTIONS TO CONFLICT

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| 1. _____ way | 2. _____ way | 3. _____ way |
| 4. _____ way | 5. _____ way | |

RESOLUTION: For any relationship to _____, you have to move beyond reaction and find a resolution

EIGHT STEPS TO RESOLVING CONFLICT

- Become a _____ - Romans 10:13
- Talk to _____ about the conflict - James 4:2
- Analyze the _____ - Matthew 7:3
- Schedule a _____ meeting - Matthew 5:23-24

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| 1. Choose the right _____ | 2. Choose the right _____ | 3. _____ before the meeting |
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- Establish ground _____ prior to the _____
- Proverbs 11:29

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| 1. Never _____ | 2. Never _____ | 3. Never _____ |
| 4. Never _____ | 5. Never _____ | 6. Never _____ |
| 7. Never _____ | | |

- Switch your _____ - Philippians 2:4-5
- Ask for _____ - Proverbs 15:12
- Don't _____ **UP** - Galatians 6:9

FINAL THOUGHT: It is more rewarding to _____ a conflict than to _____ a relationship!