

# Resolving Conflict

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Building Strong Families Series  
Take Home Handout  
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*"A home filled with strife and division destroys itself." Mark 3:25 (TLB)*

## I. THE REASON FOR CONFLICT

*"Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that war within you." James 4:1 (NCV)*

## II. HOW WE RESPOND TO CONFLICT

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart, test my thoughts." Psalm 139:23 (TLB)*

- \* "My Way"
- \* "No Way"
- \* "Your Way"
- \* "Half Way"
- \* "Our Way"

## III. HOW TO RESOLVE CONFLICT

### 1. BECOME A \_\_\_\_\_

*"As parts of the same body, our anger against each other has disappeared, for both of us have been reconciled to God. And so the feud ended at last at the cross."  
Ephesians 2:16 (TLB)*

### 2. TALK TO \_\_\_\_\_ ABOUT THE CONFLICT

*"If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask Him, and He will gladly tell you."  
James 1:5 (TLB)*

**3. CHANGE YOUR \_\_\_\_\_**

*"Don't be selfish... Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and in what they are doing. Your attitude should be the kind that was shown us by Jesus Christ." Philippians 2:3-5 (TLB)*

*"Why do you notice the little piece of dust in your friend's eye, but you don't notice the big piece of wood in your own eye? First, take the wood out of your own eye. Then you will see clearly to take the dust out of your friend's eye." Matthew 7:3,5 (NCV)*

**4. ESTABLISH \_\_\_\_\_**

*"Stop being mean, bad-tempered, and angry. Quarreling, harsh words, and dislike of others should have no place in your lives." Ephesians 4:31 (TNB)*

**5. GO AND \_\_\_\_\_**

*"So when you offer your gift to God at the altar, and you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there at the altar. Go and make peace with that person, and then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24 (NCV)*

**6. ASK FOR \_\_\_\_\_**

*"Pride leads to arguments, be humble, take advice, and become wise."  
Proverbs 13:10 (TLB)*