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Resolving Conflict My Weird Family - 4 Pastor Michael Rochelle April 23 & 24, 2016 "We have no more joy in our hearts; our dancing has turned to sadness." Lamentations 5:15 (NCV)

Natural Reactions To Conflict

- Avoid
- **Antagonize**
- Attack
- Ambush
- Argue

Biblical Responses To Conflict

"But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no partiality and is always sincere. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness."

James 3:17–18 (NLT)

The Peace Maker

The Pacifist

- Attack the <u>Problem</u> not the person "And a tiny rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot wants it to go, even though the winds are strong. So also, the tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do." James 3:4 (TLB)
- Recognize the root causes of conflict

"But about the feuds and struggles that exist among you - where do you suppose they come from? Can't you see that they arise from conflicting passions within yourselves? You crave for something and don't get it, you are jealous and envious of what others have got and you don't possess it yourselves. Consequently in your

exasperated frustration you struggle and fight with one another." James 4:1-3 (Ph)

Frustration Hurt Insecurity

Learn to Listen

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