



Think Like Jesus

PART 3: RESOLVING CONFLICT

INTRODUCTION

More often than not, we avoid sins in their extreme form but regularly commit them in a more covert form that Jesus is still very concerned about. In Matthew 5 Jesus gives six examples where, in His masterful fashion, He exposes our real struggle with sin, and he teaches us to transform and sharpen our thinking to the kind of life required of His disciples. The kind of life that truly sets us free! Are you ready to think more like Jesus?

KEY SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:26

Matthew 5:23-26

Matthew 5:20

Romans 12:18

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you're a parent, how do you feel and/or react when somebody mistreats your kids?
2. Pastor Will taught that true righteousness starts with falling in love with God—it begins with our heart. How does this contradict with the idea of righteousness as simply behavior modification, or following all the rules?
3. Read Matthew 5:23-24. Who has unresolved conflict with you?
4. How have you experienced unresolved conflict with others hinder your relationship with God?
5. Read Romans 12:18. Describe a time when it truly wasn't possible to live at peace with someone. Have you honestly kept the door open for peace?
6. Who do you need to take the first step towards regardless of who moved away first? Is it going to require you to swallow your pride? Ask for forgiveness? Hear some tough things?
7. What barrier is getting in the way of you going to them and trying to make it right?
8. What step will you take towards reconciliation today?

Application Prayer: Lord, I'm not willing to let unresolved conflict hinder my relationship with you. Help me to reconcile with them and you.