

RISE AGAIN FAMILIES

Pt. 2 Loving When It Is Hard

“When Jesus came ashore there, he was immediately met by a man who was tortured by an evil spirit. This man lived in the cemeteries, and no one could control him—not even those who tried to tie him up or chain him. ⁴ He had often been bound in chains, but his strength was so great that he could break the chains and tear the irons loose from his feet and hands. No one and nothing could subdue him.”

--Mark 5:2-4

*“A home filled with strife and division destroys itself.”
--Mark 3:25 (Living Bible)*

WHERE FAMILY CONFLICT COMES FROM

*“What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you?” (NIV)
--James 4:1*

FIVE COMMON REACTIONS TO CONFLICT

- “ _____ **WAY**” • “ _____ **WAY**” • “ _____ **WAY**”
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BIBLICAL HOPE FOR WORKING THROUGH CONFLICT

1. ATTACH _____

*“Since we are the same body, our anger against each other dissipates, for both of us have been reconciled to God. And so the feud has ended at the cross.”
--Ephesians 2:16*

2. TALK _____

*“Don’t fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God’s wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It’s wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.
-Philippians 4:6-7 (The Message)*

3. ANALYZE _____

*“Why, then, do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, and pay no attention to the log in your own eye? ...Take the log out of your own eye first, and then you will be able to see and take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”
--Matthew 7:3 (Good News)*

4. SCHEDULE _____

*“If...you remember your brother has something against you, leave your gift in front of the altar and go at once to make peace with your brother, then come back and offer your gift to God.”
--Matthew 5:23-24 (Good News)*

5. ESTABLISH _____

*“The fool who provokes his family to anger and resentment will finally have nothing worthwhile left.”
--Proverbs 11:29 (Living Bible)*

6. SWITCH _____

*“Each of you should look out not only to your own interests, but also to the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”
--Philippians 2:4-5*

7. ASK _____

*“Know-it-alls don’t like being told what to do; they avoid the company of wise men and women.”
--Proverbs 15:12 (The Message)*

*“Those who disregard discipline sabotage themselves, but those who are open to correction gain understanding.”
--Proverbs 15:32 (The Voice)*

8. PERSIST _____

*“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.”
--Galatians. 6:9 (New Living)*