



Jesus **MOVEMENT**

GOD'S PEOPLE ON MISSION

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SERMON NOTES
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And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. 28 And they remained no little time with the disciples.

ACTS
14:27-28 ESV

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ONE VOICE

**Conflict happens, but
peacemaking is a choice.**

Spark

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Fire

A divorced couple dividing up their beanie baby collection in court, 1990s.



But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." 2 And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question.

ACTS
15:1-5 ESV

3 So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. 4 When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them.

ACTS
15:1-5 ESV

5 But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses."

ACTS
15:1-5 ESV

**Resolving conflict requires
identifying the problem.**

Acts 15:1-5; GALATIANS 1:1-7 ESV

Paul, an apostle—not from men
nor through man, but through
Jesus Christ and God the Father,
who raised him from the dead—
2 and all the brothers who are
with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace to you and peace from
God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself
for our sins to deliver us from the
present evil age, according to the

GALATIANS
1:1-7 ESV

will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. 6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

GALATIANS
1:1-7 ESV



Without question, our opinions or even convictions beyond what the Bible clearly and directly teaches about race, politics, or a number of other issues are far more important than ice cream preferences. But those opinions and convictions aren't what make us a family.





Jesus makes us a family, which means that if we're allowing those opinions and convictions to divide us, then we're making them more important to us than Jesus himself. Second- (yellow) and third-(green) bucket issues can't divide us if Jesus is the one who unites us.



David Platt

**Resolving conflict requires
working the process.**

ACTS 15:6-21 ESV

The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. 7 And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did

ACTS
15:6-21 ESV

to us, 9 and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.

10 Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? 11 But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

ACTS
15:6-21 ESV

12 And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles. 13 After they finished speaking, James replied, "Brothers, listen to me. 14 Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. 15 And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,

ACTS
15:6-21 ESV

16 "'After this I will return,
and I will rebuild the tent of David
that has fallen; I will rebuild its
ruins, and I will restore it 17 that
the remnant of mankind may seek
the Lord, and all the Gentiles who
are called by my name, says the
Lord, who makes these things
18 known from of old.'
19 Therefore my judgment is that
we should not trouble those of the
Gentiles who turn to God,

ACTS
15:6-21 ESV

20 but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood.

21 For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues."

ACTS
15:6-21 ESV

A Biblical process for resolving conflict:

- **Go to the source**

MATTHEW 18:15-17

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

MATTHEW
18:15-17 ESV

A Biblical process for resolving conflict:

- **Go to the source** **MATTHEW 18:15-17**
- **Speak the truth in love** **EPHESIANS 4:15**

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ

EPHESIANS
4:15 ESV

A Biblical process for resolving conflict:

- **Go to the source** **MATTHEW 18:15-17**
- **Speak the truth in love** **EPHESIANS 4:15**
- **Be timely** **MATTHEW 5:23-24**

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

MATTHEW
5:23-24 ESV

A Biblical process for resolving conflict:

- **Go to the source** **MATTHEW 18:15-17**
- **Speak the truth in love** **EPHESIANS 4:15**
- **Be timely** **MATTHEW 5:23-24**
- **Accept assistance** **PROVERBS 15:22**

Without counsel plans fail, but
with many advisers they succeed.

PROVERBS
15:22 ESV

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- **Accept assistance** **PROVERBS 15:22**
- **Yield for the benefit of others** **PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4**

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

PHILIPPIANS
2:3-4 ESV

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So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch, and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. 31 And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its encouragement. 32 And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words. 33 And after they had

ACTS
15:30-35 ESV

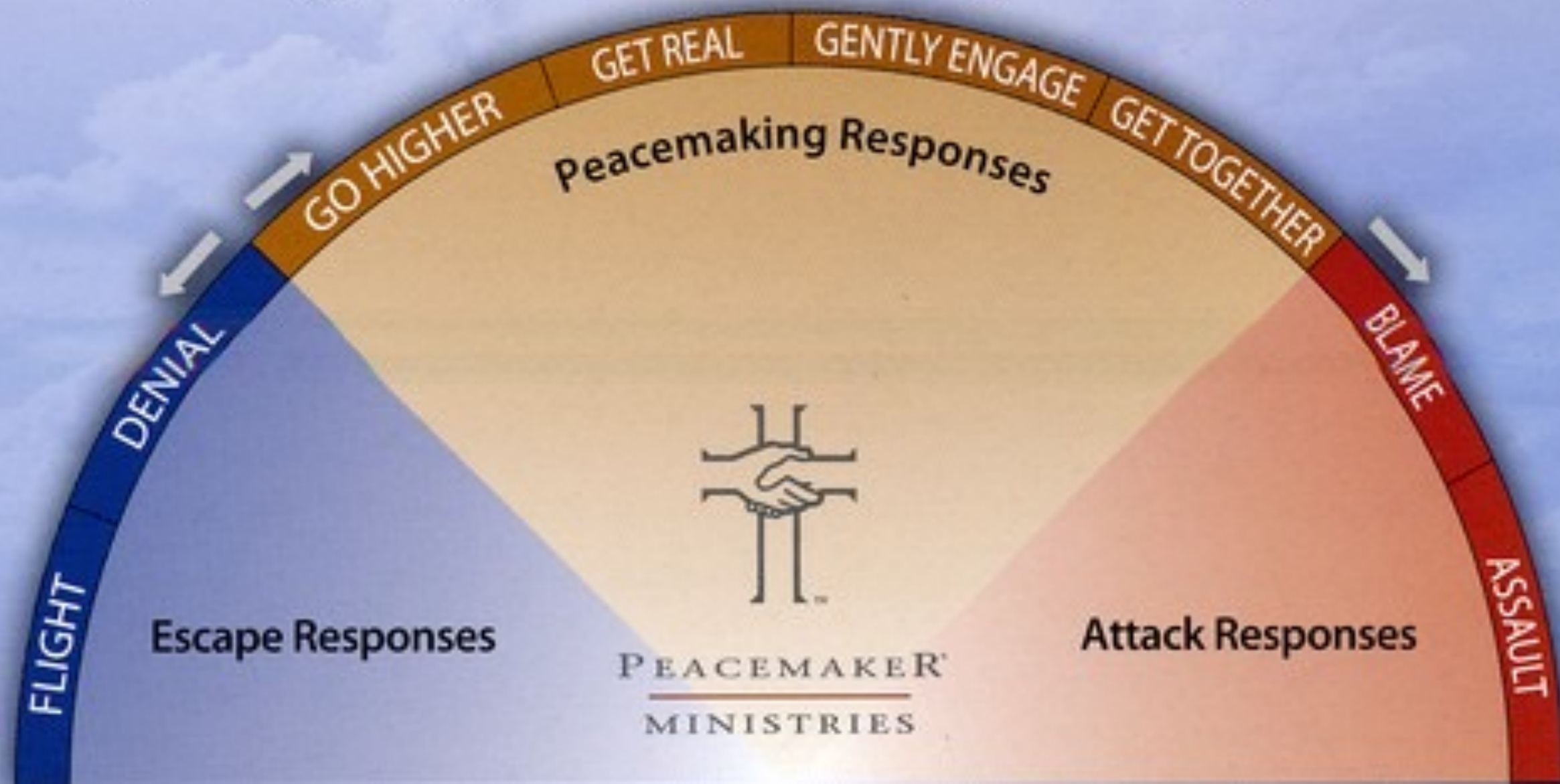
33 And after they had spent some time, they were sent off in peace by the brothers to those who had sent them. 35 But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

ACTS
15:30-35 ESV

**Resolving conflict requires
leaning into peacemaking.**

ACTS 15:22-35 ESV

Staying on Top of Conflict



And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." 37 Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. 38 But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. 39 And there arose a sharp disagreement,

ACTS
15:36-41 ESV

so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, 40 but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. 41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

ACTS
15:36-41 ESV

**Resolving conflict requires
focusing on the bigger goals.**

ACTS 15:36-41; JOHN 13:35; JOHN 17:23 ESV

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John
13:35 ESV

I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

John
17:23 ESV

NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

1 Are you at peace with Jesus and/or with others?

2 Will you work the process and live as a peacemaker?

3 How do you need to refocus on the bigger goals God has for your life and our church?



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