

CONFLICT LEADS TO COMMUNION

WHY BEES BUTT HEADS





**CONFLICT IS INEVITABLE. WRONG MUST BE MADE RIGHT,
ISSUES MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED, AND PROBLEMS MUST BE
SOLVED.**

WHY DOES CONFLICT EXIST?

- 1. LACK OF COMMON UNDERSTANDING**
- 2. POOR COMMUNICATION SKILLS**
- 3. UNCLEAR EXPECTATIONS**
- 4. POWER PLAYS AND MANIPULATION**
- 5. BAD BEHAVIOR**



**CONFLICT IS NOT AN OBSTACLE TO AVOID
BUT AN OBSTACLE TO OVERCOME.**



**HOW CAN CONFLICT
LEAD TO COMMUNION?**

**WHEN BUTTING HEADS CAUSES US
TO PUT OFF OUR OLD SELF**

**YOU WERE TAUGHT, WITH REGARD TO YOUR FORMER WAY OF
LIFE, TO PUT OFF YOUR OLD SELF, WHICH IS BEING CORRUPTED
BY ITS DECEITFUL DESIRES.**

EPHESIANS 4:22

**WHEN BUTTING HEADS CAUSES US
TO PUT ON OUR NEW SELF**

**TO BE MADE NEW IN THE ATTITUDE OF YOUR MINDS; AND TO
PUT ON THE NEW SELF, CREATED TO BE LIKE GOD IN TRUE
RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS.**

EPHESIANS 4:23-24

DEALING WITH CONFLICT IN THE NEW SELF INVITES US TO

- 1. ADMIT IT EXISTS**
- 2. ANALYZE THE SITUATION**
- 3. COMMUNICATE**
- 4. LISTEN AND ASK QUESTIONS**

**WHEN BUTTING HEADS CAUSES US
TO CHOOSE THE NEW COMMUNITY**

**THEREFORE EACH OF YOU MUST PUT OFF FALSEHOOD AND
SPEAK TRUTHFULLY TO YOUR NEIGHBOR, FOR WE ARE ALL
MEMBERS OF ONE BODY... AND DO NOT GIVE THE DEVIL A
FOOTHOLD.**

EPHESIANS 4:25, 27

BE CHRIST-LIKE

- 1. CONTROL OUR EMOTIONS**
PROVERBS 15:18
- 2. RESPECT OTHERS**
MATTHEW 5:23-24
- 3. MAINTAIN COMMUNITY**
MATTHEW 18:15-17

BE REALISTIC

- 1. CONFLICTS ARE NOT ALWAYS BAD**
- 2. CONFLICTS ARE NOT ALWAYS RESOLVABLE**

BE FOCUSED

- 1. NO AGREEMENT BUT ACCEPTANCE**
ACTS 15:1-2
- 2. FULL AGREEMENT**
ACTS 15:5-21
- 3. PARTIAL AGREEMENT**
ACTS 15:36-40

WHEN WE AGREE WE ARE MEMBERS OF ONE BODY, CONFLICT IS A GIFT. IT SANCTIFIES US, LEADING US TO CONSCIOUSLY CHOOSE THE MIND OF CHRIST FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHRIST'S WORK IN THE WORLD THROUGH HIS CHURCH.