



WHEN SINNERS SAY 'I DO'

Session #3 - Getting to the Heart of Conflict Resolution

A. INTRODUCTION

- All couples experience conflict.
- God uses conflict to reveal sin and bring about growth.
- All conflict is rooted in sin.

B. THE HEART OF CONFLICT

James 4:1

"What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have..."

- Pride and selfishness

David Powlison

"As sinners we naturally contend for our presumed self interest, war making is a prime trait of sinners."

- Sinful cravings.

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"Cravings underly conflict."

- Peace and reconciliation demanded

Ephesians 4:3

“Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

C. RESOLVING CONFLICT

- Husband to initiate and lead the wife through the process of conflict resolution.
- Be prepared to involve others.
- Remain Gospel focussed.
- Keep an awareness of God’s sovereignty.
- Remember your spouse is not your opponent.
- God’s grace is always available.

D. THE FRUITS OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- God’s peace in the home and marriage.
- Growth in sanctification.
- Development in Intimacy.
- God is Glorified.