

7. Read Acts 13:14-52. What can you learn about Paul as it relates to conflict? What do you need to apply in your life that would bring glory to God as you relate to conflict?

Handling Conflict

I. The issue is not whether we have conflicts but it's:

- A. Knowing the **CAUSE**. (*James 4:1&2*)
- B. Knowing the **GOAL**. (*Romans 12:18*)

Conflict is a **CLASH** or **DIFFERENCE** in opinion or purpose that frustrates a goal.

II. The goal determines our **RESPONSE**.

- A. **ESCAPE** or **AVOID** at all cost.
Focus is on **ME**.
- B. **ATTACK** or **BLAME**.
Focus is on **YOU**.
- C. Be a **PEACEMAKER** not **PEACE FAKER**.
Focus is on **US**.

III. **HOW** did Paul respond to conflict?

- A. The conflict of **RESPONSIBILITY**. (*Acts 13:13-14a*)
- B. The conflict of **REJECTION**. (*Acts 13:14b-52*)

IV. How do you respond to your **GREATEST** conflict?
(*Romans 3:23; Hebrews 13:11*)

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For the week of April 25, 2010

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. What conflicts did you have this past week? What was one of the hardest conflicts you've had in your life?

2. What is your typical response to conflict? Is there a person or place that seems to set you off in conflict more than others? Who or where?

3. Read James 4:1&2. What is the root cause of the conflict in these verses? Do your conflicts deal with the same issue?

4. Read Romans 12:18. What is the goal here? Is that your goal? Give an example of this in your life.

5. Which of the three responses below do you normally take?

- A. Escape & avoid.
- B. Attack or blame.
- C. Be a peacemaker not peace faker.

6. In Acts 13:13-52 Paul dealt with conflict. John Mark bailed during the journey. Have people bailed on you? Have you bailed on your responsibility? How did you respond?