

# The Sticky Stuff: Sticking Together Through Disagreement

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## 8-Step Approach To Resolving Disagreement

### 1. Make the first move ✓

First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:24 NIV

Reconciliation is more important than worship.

### 2. Reject your excuses ✓

"I heard You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

Genesis 3:10 NIV

### 3. Recognise your lack ✓

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 1:5 NIV

### 4. Consider acceptance ✓

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters.

Romans 14:1 NIV

### 5. Own your part ✓

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?

James 4:1 NIV

Pride only leads to arguments, but those who take advice are wise.

Proverbs 13:10 NCV

### 6. Listen beyond the words ✓

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

James 1:19 NIV

7. Guard your mouth 

Speak the truth in love.

Ephesians 4:15 NLT

The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 12:18 NIV

Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words.

Ephesians 4:29 GNT

8. Focus on reconciliation , not resolution

As far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18 NIV

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What relationship in your life could benefit from reconciliation and healing?
2. What is one biblical principle from today's sermon that you can implement?