

## TAKING IT HOME

Applying this message to everyday life

1. Which of the three ways “how not to resolve offenses” are you most likely to default to when handling personal conflict?
2. Can you think of an important key to resolving conflict God’s way? (Example: act immediately, get accountability, pray first, etc)
3. Do you have a person in your life who has sinned against you, thereby hurting you deeply? A person who you have yet to reconcile with? Without sharing details ask your Life Group to hold you accountable to committing to apply Matthew 18:15.
4. Spend time in prayer for each other and to ask God to help you obey this command.

*REALationships*  
*#573 – Go To Offenders*  
*Matthew 18:15*

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### Go To Offenders

<sup>15</sup> If your brother or sister sins (against you), go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ Matthew 18:15-16

### Understanding this Command

To point out their fault is to \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_

### How Not to Resolve Offenses

1. Go Tell \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 16:28)
2. Stuff \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 12:14-15)
3. Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17:20-23)

Confrontation is \_\_\_\_\_

1. The fear of being \_\_\_\_\_ again
2. The fear of being \_\_\_\_\_
3. The fear of nothing \_\_\_\_\_

We must choose to live by \_\_\_\_\_, not by fear

Be bold first before the \_\_\_\_\_ of grace and then before your \_\_\_\_\_

Know when to get \_\_\_\_\_

### Application

\_\_\_\_\_ the offense(s) of the one who has wronged you

\_\_\_\_\_ the steps you will take before going to this offender

By \_\_\_\_\_ go and restore the relationship

## Getting-To-Know-Me Questions

Sharing time to get your group started

- A. Name the first motor vehicle you owned.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. What is your occupation or hobby? What do you enjoy about it?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. What is one thing you dislike about trying to resolve a conflict with another person?

## LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK

Jot down a brief answer to the following questions

### Quick Review

1. As you reflect on last week's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

2. In Exodus 10:16-20 we read that Pharaoh admitted that he sinned against the Lord and against Moses. Shortly afterward however, God hardened his heart and Pharaoh continued to sin. Why do you think God hardened Pharaoh's heart?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Paul and Barnabas had a major disagreement which ultimately led to them parting ways. Do you think their conflict needed to be resolved according to Matthew 18:15-17 or not? Explain
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What additional insights do you find in regard to handling conflict with others by reading Ephesians 6:10-20?