

## “CROSSROADS: WHEN CONFLICTS ARE A ROAD BLOCK”

**Introduction:** Last Week: at the cross roads

1) \_\_\_\_\_Way                      2) \_\_\_\_\_Way

Jeremiah 6:16 (NLT) “This is what the Lord says: ‘stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.’”

- Road block #1:     My \_\_\_\_\_.
- Road block # 2:     My \_\_\_\_\_.
- A Survey on Dealing With conflict
  1. What is your gut response?  
Ladies: \_\_\_\_\_ it out.  
Men: \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  2. What is the source?  
Both men and ladies said
    - 1) \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 2) \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. What is your primary goal?  
Ladies: To be \_\_\_\_\_.Men: To \_\_\_\_\_ it.

### THE BIBLICAL CONFLICT OF PAUL AND BARNABUS

Acts 15: 36 (NLT) “<sup>36</sup> After some time Paul said to Barnabas, “Let’s go back and visit each city where we previously preached the word of the Lord, to see how the new believers are doing.”

- Conflicts begin with \_\_\_\_\_ tasks.

Acts 15:37 (NLT) “<sup>37</sup> Barnabas agreed and wanted to take along John Mark.”

Acts 15:38 (NLT) “<sup>38</sup> But Paul disagreed strongly, since John Mark had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in their work.”

- The Bible says they \_\_\_\_\_ disagreed.
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Acts 13:13 (NLT) “<sup>13</sup> Paul and his companions then left Paphos by ship for Pamphylia, landing at the port town of Perga. There John Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem.”

- Two different \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 15:39-41 (NLT) “<sup>39</sup> Their disagreement was so sharp that they separated. Barnabas took John Mark with him and sailed for Cyprus. <sup>40</sup> Paul chose Silas, and as he left, the believers entrusted him to the Lord’s gracious care. <sup>41</sup> Then he traveled throughout Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches there.”

- Key: The conflict did not stop their \_\_\_\_\_.
- Satan’s goal in conflict is always to stop the \_\_\_\_\_.
- When a negative produces a positive, \_\_\_\_\_!

Romans 12:18 (NLT) “<sup>18</sup> Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.”

#### **Four steps in dealing with conflicts**

- 1. Expect God to do something \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Reject the \_\_\_\_\_ in responding.
- 3. Forgive before \_\_\_\_\_.

Colossians 3:13 (NLT) “<sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”

Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT) “<sup>14</sup> “If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

- 4. Work toward a resolution without \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Conflict is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Misery is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Choose \_\_\_\_\_.

Colossians 4:10 (NLT) “Mark, Barnabus’ cousin sends his greeting. As you were instructed before, make Mark welcome if he comes your way.”