

How To Live with Strong Convictions & Civility in An Age of Hostility

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1. TRUTH MATTERS
2. LEARN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JUDGING AND DISCERNMENT
3. CALL FOR CAUTION
4. GET THE FACTS
5. CLEARLY DEFINE THE PROBLEM & RESPOND BIBLICALLY/SOLUTION CENTERED
6. SPEAK WITH CANDOR AND FRANKNESS
7. RESPOND WITH AN APPROPRIATE TONE & VOLUME LEVELS
8. ADMIT WHEN YOU ARE WRONG
9. DO NOT MAKE MINOR THINGS MAJOR THINGS
10. UNITY MATTERS
11. DEPEND ON THE POWER OF GOD

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What thoughts stood out to you from this message from Joshua 22?
2. What were your main learnings from nine and a half tribes? What were the main learnings from the two and a half tribes?
3. Michael said, “TRUTH MATTERS” and “Some things are worth fighting for.” Agree or disagree? As Kingdom of God ambassadors, how do you fight winsomely?
4. We must be careful not to presume to know facts which we don’t know and be careful about judging others’ motivations. In Proverbs 13:10 we learn that through presumption comes nothing but strife. Whenever we claim to know the “why” of what other people do, we must be careful that we don’t falsely judge their motivations. Where do you experience these temptations today?
5. Misunderstandings can happen among committed, faithful believers. Without good communication, misunderstanding can divide intimate allies. What principles and attitudes are needed to address differences and conflict?
6. Before attacking (or even accusing), it’s wise to do some asking. How many skirmishes do you see happen today because of misunderstandings? Why does “Mob Psychology” and “Mass Hysteria” capture so many?
7. When you have conflict with a spouse, friend or workmate, do you sweep it under the rug or respond quickly? Do you have a problem with sharing the “last 10%”?
8. Read Proverbs 18:17 and Proverbs 15:1. Discuss.
9. Michael mentioned RWANDA. What can we learn from that situation?
10. Jesus prayed for “oneness” among His people in John 17. How is the church of Jesus Christ doing with this call? How important is it? How important is it to you?
11. Do we get how important the “Vertical Relationship” is (Joshua 22:5)? Where will our country, church and our lives go without prioritizing our dependency upon God?

Current in-person Sunday bible fellowship schedule

9:00 AM

Bridge (room 328)
Cornerstone (room 229)
Ladies Bible (room 227)

11:00 AM

Kid’s Sunday School (ages birth – 5th grade)
Bruce/Claybrook (room 228) *class begins at 10:45*
Men’s Class (room 324)
Timeline to Eternity (room 226) *virtual recap with instructor, Eric Nelson, at 1:00*
Zimmerman/Scesa (room 327)