

Investing In Relationships: The Book Of Philippians
 “Investing In Reducing Conflict” 3 of 8
 Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Big Idea: To enjoy the people in my life I need to invest in my relationships.

If I Want To Reduce Conflict In My Relationships, I Need To:

1. Honor Others With Respect

“Is there any **encouragement** from **belonging** to Christ? Any **comfort** from his **love**? Any **fellowship** together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and **compassionate**? Then make me truly happy by **agreeing wholeheartedly** with each other, **loving** one another, and **working together** with one **mind and purpose**.”

Philippians 2:1-2 (NLT2)

“Respect everyone, and love your Christian brothers and sisters. Fear God, and respect the king.” **1 Peter 2:17 (NLT2)**

“Finally, all of you should be of **one mind**. **Sympathize** with each other. **Love** each other as brothers and sisters. Be **tenderhearted**, and keep a **humble attitude**.”

1 Peter 3:8 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

2. Be Considerate Of Their Needs

“Don’t be **selfish**; don’t try to impress others. Be **humble**, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but **take an interest** in others, too.” **Philippians 2:3-4 (NLT2)**

“Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be **quick to listen**, **slow to speak**, and **slow to get angry**.” **James 1:19 (NLT2)**

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- ✓ **Play the High Low Game**
- ✓ Ask what are the “big rocks” for the next two weeks
- ✓ Ask how can you be a support for them?

“Always be **humble** and **gentle**. Be **patient** with each other, **making allowance** for each other’s faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves **united** in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with **peace**.”

Ephesians 4:2-3 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

3. Live With An Attitude Of Humility

“You must have the same **attitude** that Christ Jesus had.” **Philippians 2:5 (NLT2)**

- **Don't Demand What I Deserve**

“Though He was God, He did not think of **equality** with God as something to **cling to**.” **Philippians 2:6 (NLT2)**

- **Look For Ways I Can Serve**

“Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble **position** of a slave and was born as a human being.” **Philippians 2:7 (NLT2)**

- **Do What Is Right, Even If It's Costly**

“When He appeared in human form, He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:7-11 (NLT2)

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” **Romans 10:9 (NLT2)**

➤ **Who can you serve this week?**

To reduce conflict in my relationships, I will:

[] Take one step toward humility in a relationship

[] Practice active listening

[] Accept Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord

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Icebreaker for families: Pick and choose which one(s) you would like to share.

My high this week was: _____.

My low this week was: _____.

What are your “Big Rocks” that need to be accomplished in the next month:

[projects, meetings, tests...] _____

How can you be supported? _____

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Reading between the lines, what was wrong with the church in Philippi?

2. Be Considerate Of Their Needs

Read Philippians 2:3-4

What does it mean to consider someone better than yourself?

How can you take a better interest in your family?

What are some “Big Rocks” that others are needing to move?

How can you be a support?

Read James 1:19

What does it mean to be an active listener?

Swindoll's Living Insights New Testament Commentary - Philippians, Colossians, Philemon.

"What's the secret to a great life?" The Bible's answer to that question isn't long, convoluted, or complex. As already indicated, we can sum it up in two words: selfless humility. Not the kind we conjure through mantras or summon through meditation or instill through methods of behavior modification. This is a supernatural kind of selfless humility that has its source in our identification with and imitation of Christ. It results in love, fellowship, affection, compassion, unity, service, and joy. Of all the virtues Christ embodied, selfless humility seems to sum up well His overall character. Jesus Himself said as much to His disciples: "Whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" ([Matt. 20:26-28](#)).

3. Live With An Attitude Of Humility

Read Philippians 2:5-11

What do you think it was like for Jesus to leave heaven and become human?

What do you think it was like for Him to take on our sin?

How demanding of your rights are you? Very? Moderate? Little?

How can you serve someone this week?

How would you describe your relationship with Jesus?

Read Romans 10:9

When did you decide to make Jesus the Lord of your life?