

# VICTORY OVER CONFLICT

## LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

In our lives, conflicts also happen closer to home. As we continue our series, let us find out how we can have victory over conflict through Joshua 22.

### CHECK YOUR HEART (JOSHUA 22:1-9)

In Joshua 22:1-9, Joshua reminds the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh to be extremely careful to obey God's law, love the Lord, walk in His ways, keep His commandments, hold fast, and serve Him with all their heart. This reminder is crucial because it sets the tone for how the tribes should proceed into their own territories after helping their brothers conquer the areas west of the Jordan. This reminder is still applicable to us today, as we should always examine our own heart condition in dealing with conflicts. In 1 Peter 5:8, we are warned that the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Therefore, it is crucial that we have our hearts in the right place before engaging in any kind of battle.

### DON'T REACT, INTERACT (JOSHUA 22:10-18)

As they settled on the other side of the Jordan River, the said tribes built an altar which caused the remaining tribes to become upset and ready for battle. The reason for their anger was based on a commandment given by Moses that only the Lord could choose the place where they could worship and offer sacrifices, and the Lord had already chosen Shiloh on the west side of the Jordan River. However, instead of reacting to their assumptions and going to war, the remaining tribes chose to interact with the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh by sending Phineas the priest and a delegation of representatives from each tribe to find out what was really going on. This demonstrates the importance of suspending judgment before taking action, as we are urged in James 1:19-20. Interacting with others, seeking to understand their perspective, and suspending judgment can prevent misunderstandings and conflict in our lives.

### FOCUS ON THE ISSUE AND RESOLUTION (JOSHUA 22:15-20)

In Joshua 22:15-29, instead of jumping to conclusions or making assumptions, the delegation approached the issue directly and sought to understand the intentions behind the building of the altar rather than attacking. In the same way, when we inquire, listen, and seek to understand the people we are in conflict with, we're able to avoid misunderstandings and focus on finding a solution. It is crucial to use the right language when addressing the issue. An example of this is avoiding "always" or "never" statements, which can come across as judgmental and accusatory and lead to defensiveness and further conflict. Instead, using "I feel..." statements can help express our emotions and concerns without attacking the other person.

### HONOR GOD AND RESPOND HUMBLY (JOSHUA 22:21-34)

Rather than becoming defensive or argumentative, the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half of Manasseh responded with gentleness and humility to their brothers, which is a sign of wisdom (Proverbs 15:1, 1 Peter 5:5, Colossians 3:12-13). Sometimes, during conflict, we may find it challenging to respond with humility. This may be because we have not yet forgiven the other person. Forgiveness is a crucial step in resolving conflict and responding with humility. We must choose to forgive the other person, even if they never change, and choose to love them unconditionally. This is the standard that God calls us to in our relationships (Colossians 3:14). The gentle and humble response of these tribes not only resolved the conflict but also pleased the rest of the Israelite tribes. This is because their response honored God and demonstrated a higher standard of conduct. When we follow God's word in our relationships, we bring glory to Him.

## LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

JAMES 1:19-20

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What are your sources of conflict lately?

How have you resolved these conflicts?

How will you "victoriously" resolve them given the lessons from Joshua 22?

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You are here for a reason!

Let's chat over coffee at the Welcome Center. See you at the 2/F lobby!

## step into the COMMUNITY!

Fellowship and learn together with believers at the same lifestage as you!



### WOMEN2WOMEN

ALL WOMEN

#### The Power of Prayer to Move Mountains

March 23, Thursday  
10:00 AM, Multi-Purpose Hall

ALSO STREAMED ONLINE

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### B1G MINISTRY

SINGLES

#### Hiring: CEO Redefining Real Success in the Workplace

March 31, Friday  
7:30 PM, Multi-Purpose Hall

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### ELEVATE

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#### G, Sama Ka!

March 25, Saturday  
3:00 PM, Multi-Purpose Hall

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- ElevateMainTV



### NXTGEN

KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

#### Kids' Church: Victorious: Series on the Book of Joshua

Sundays, 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM  
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- zoom for ages 7-12

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March 19, Sunday, 1:00 PM  
• Book 1: One by One, Room 2A  
• Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines, Room 3A

#### GLC Level 1 — Zoom Cycle 1

March 22, Wednesday, 7:30 PM  
• Book 1: One by One  
• Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines

#### GLC Level 2 — Zoom Cycle

Book 7: Family Life  
Session 7: What to Teach  
Your Children, Part 1  
March 23, Thursday, 7:30 PM

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April 29 - May 1

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LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR VISIT IS A COINCIDENCE? YOUR BEING HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

## God brought you here for His purpose.

### 1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments —Deuteronomy 7:9*

### 2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23*

### 3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6*

### 4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9*

### 5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13*



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3:00 PM (Filipino)

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