

How to Handle Conflict Without Losing Your Calling!

Unstoppable: Faith That Won't Quit! Pt.4

Acts 15:36-41

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Acts 9:15, But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. **16** I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

Acts 9:18, Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, **19** and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. **20** At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

Acts 13:1, Now in the church at Antioch... **2** While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." **3** So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off... **5** When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper... **9** Then Saul, who was also called Paul... **12** When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord. **13** From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem.

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1. Face It HONESTLY

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- **Don't Let the Conflict Multiply**

Ephesians 4:26, "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

Proverbs 27:5, Better is open rebuke than hidden love.

- **Real Peace Requires Real Conversations**

Matthew 5:9, Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

- **Truth Lands Best When Wrapped in Grace**

Ephesians 4:15, Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

2. Guard Your Heart CAREFULLY

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- **Remember, Bitterness Is Too Costly to Keep**

Hebrews 12:15, See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

- **Hearts Matter More Than Headlines**

Proverbs 15:1, A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 4:23, Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

- **Refuse to Keep a Scorecard**

Romans 12:18, If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

3. Keep Serving **FAITHFULLY**

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- **Don't Camp Out Where You Were Wounded**

Philippians 3:13, Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **14** I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

- **God Can Turn Detours Into Doors**

Genesis 50:20, You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

- **Choose Your Calling Over the Conflict**

Galatians 6:9, Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

1 Corinthians 15:58, Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

4. Leave Room for Future **HEALING**

2 Timothy 4:11, Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

Colossians 4:10, My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas...

- **Remember, People Do Change and Grow**

Philippians 1:6, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

James 1:19, My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

- **God Specializes in Comeback Stories**

Luke 15:20, So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. **21** "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' **22** "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. **23** Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. **24** For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."

- **Leave the Door Open for Reconciliation**

Colossians 3:13, Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.