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...Tools to Survive and Thrive

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Conflict seems to be everywhere. Have you met lately?

- Like it or not, conflict seems to be a part of our lives.
- How we respond to conflict makes a great difference.
- Conflict: a difference between people that often seems hard to resolve, and frequently includes strong emotions and prolonged disagreement (and often discomfort)
 - We can learn from Jesus about conflict.
 - We can actually learn to embrace conflict.
- **God provides practical tools for us to learn!**



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Listen to an example that impacted us all.

“Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning?”

By Alan Jackson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2NXDJ4FabE>



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- Each person responds differently to conflict.
- Conflict often leads to questions.
- It may also lead to new relationships (and loss of old ones).
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