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Conflict*

*...Tools to Survive and Thrive*

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Here's the **key motivation and strategy** for this series:

- Begin with a **Biblical principle**
- Express this principle in a **practical tool**
  - That equips us to respond to conflict
  - In a healthy, wise, God-honoring way
  - Empowering us and others **to survive and thrive**
    - All of this **in a way that partners with God** to fulfill his purposes



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