



“Gratefully Serving Into Conflict”

Luke 22 : 24 – 30

Conflict is inevitable, so How do we as disciples of Jesus respond to it? Let’s observe Jesus in the upper room with His disciples before His arrest; How did Jesus relate to the ‘disputing disciples?’

As we learn from Jesus to gratefully serve into conflict, let’s make several observations:

1. – Conflict is a _____ from the Important. – See Vs. 23-24

2. – Conflict is _____ in Culture. – See Vs. 25 – 26

World’s Kingdom	Vs.	Jesus’ Kingdom
Ignores		Gives Attention
Complains/ Grumbles		Appreciates/ Grateful
Curses		Blesses
Selfish		Supportive
Discouraging		Encouraging
Cold, Harsh		Affectionate, Kind
Divisive		Peaceful/ secure

Greatness = Service to Others

Leadership = Number of People Served

3. – Conflict is to be _____ with Jesus’ Love. – See Vs. 26- 30

See Also [John 13: 1 – 30](#)

Who in your traffic-patterns needs their feet washed with tender compassion and acceptance that Jesus has shown you?

When facing conflict, RELATE; don't REACT.

When facing conflict, WORK THE WORD.

James 5: 16 – Humble, Vulnerable Confession to one another

Ephesians 4: 32 – Graciously Forgive one another

Romans 12: 18 – Pursue Peace with one another

Working the Word Challenges –

- As you encounter conflict this week, Reflect the example of Jesus washing His disciples feet and His words *"It shall not be so among you."* Hear Jesus call you to the uncommon life. *Who may the Spirit be calling you to serve with Jesus' love?*
- Prayerfully seek to 'Work the Word' in times of conflict by: *Vulnerable confession (James 5: 16); Graciously Forgiving (Ephesians 4: 32); Pursuit of Peace (Romans 12: 18).* Develop new Spirit-prompted responses to relational challenges.
- *With a partner or small group, discuss opportunities to serve into conflict.* Possibly a note or act of kindness to a teacher, public safety officer, co-worker, or others.
- *Join your church family in 30 days of Scripture & devotional reading* along the theme – *"What's So Special About Christmas?"* You can locate this resource written by Pastor Michael [HERE](#).

Key – *Distraction/ Common/ Served*