

Choose a Better Way – The Way of Reconciliation

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Text: *2 Corinthians 13:1-10, NLT*

The Option of Last Resort (vv.1-4, 10)

- When dealing with conflict, _____ is preferred.
- Authority must be used _____.
- The option of last resort.

Serious Self-examination (vv. 5-6)

- The _____ importance of self-examination.
- A simple but _____.

Self-less Intercession (vv. 7-9)

- Pray for your enemy's _____ God.
- Pray for them _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- Think of a relational conflict that involved you. Looking back on it, were there better ways to resolve the conflict? Could the conflict have been avoided? How?
- Why do you think Paul makes conflict and confrontation a last resort?
- What do you think it when Christians and churches make conflict and confrontation a first resort?
- How might we demonstrate humility in the face of disagreement?
- Why is authority so often misused or abused? How do the Scriptures teach us to use authority (see Mark 10:42-45)?
- Why does Paul encourage the Corinthians to engage in self-examination? How might self-examination help them resolve their impending conflict?
- According to Paul, what are the criteria for self-examination? Why are his criteria so important?
- How difficult do you find it to "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"? What happens when we follow Jesus' command?
- How might Paul's "better way" improve our witness? Our relationships?