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Romans 12:17-18 (NIV)

"7 Biblical Steps to Resolving Conflict"
(Part 1)

1. Esau's Pain: Genesis 27:30-40 (NLT)
2. Jacob's effort to reestablish their broken relationship: Genesis 32:3-5 (NLT)
3. Esau's response to Jacob's message: Genesis 33:1-4 (NLT)
4. What every Christ should learn _____
 - A) John 13:34
5. Romans 12:17-18 (NIV)
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 - a) Paul is speaking to the church
 - B) 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.
 - a) "hemorrhoids"
6. Jesus emphasized the importance of resolving conflicts and maintaining our relationships
7. Unresolved conflict can do considerable spiritual damage:

A) _____

1 John 4:20-21 (NLT)

20 If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?

21 And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.

A) _____

1 Peter 3:7 (NLT)

"Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers."

Matthew 5:23-24

"23 So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you,

24 Leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God."

B) _____

Psalms 119:113 NIV

"I hate double-minded people, but I love your law."

James 1:6-8 (NIV)

6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Two Powerful things God's Word can do for Troubled Relationships:

1) _____

Ezekiel 37:7

So I spoke this message, just as he told me. Suddenly as I spoke, there was a rattling noise all across the valley. The bones of each body came together and attached themselves as complete skeletons.

2) _____

Ephesians 6:17

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.