

## Senior Moments:

### Fight Club

**CONFLICT IS COMMON IN THE CHURCH, BUT IF IT'S NOT HANDLED IN THE RIGHT WAY, THERE WILL BE A CONSEQUENCE...**

*"Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Stop deceiving yourselves."  
1 Corinthians 3:16-18 (NLT)*

*Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in the Christian life. I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world?  
1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NLT)*

*"When one of you says, 'I am a follower of Paul,' and another says, 'I follow Apollos,' aren't you acting just like people of the world?"  
1 Corinthians 3:4 (NLT)*

*"Dear brothers and sisters, I have used Apollos and myself to illustrate what I've been saying. If you pay attention to what I have quoted from the Scriptures, you won't be proud of one of your leaders at the expense of another."  
1 Corinthians 4:6 (NLT)*

*"It is not an enemy who taunts me I could bear that. It is not my foes who so arrogantly insult me I could have hidden from them. Instead, it is you my equal, my companion and close friend. What good fellowship we once enjoyed as we walked together to the house of God."  
Psalms 55:12-14 (NLT)*

*"As for my companion, he betrayed his friends; he broke his promises. His words are as smooth as butter, but in his heart is war. His words are as soothing as lotion, but underneath are daggers!"  
Psalms 55:20-21 (NLT)*

**SO, HOW DO WE RESOLVE CONFLICT?**

*"As for me, it matters very little how I might be evaluated by you or by any human authority. I don't even trust my own judgment on this point. My conscience is clear, but that doesn't prove I'm right. It is the Lord Himself who will examine me and decide."*

1 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NLT)

1. Consider the unthinkable – you could be \_\_\_\_\_!

2. Remember Who's \_\_\_\_\_ it is.

"I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be His own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as He did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours."

1 Corinthians 1:2 (NLT)

3. Don't forget that if you \_\_\_\_\_, but don't \_\_\_\_\_, you \_\_\_\_\_.

"If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing.

If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged."

1 Corinthians 13:1-5 (NLT)

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples."

John 13:34-35 (NLT)

4. Resolve it, \_\_\_\_\_.

"And 'don't sin by letting anger control you.' Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil."

Ephesians 4:26-27 (NLT)

5. If all else fails, \_\_\_\_\_.

"If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men."

Romans 12:18 (NASB)