# Redemptive Conflict Sermon Series October 29, 2023

#### I. What is conflict?

- 1. Opposing views.
- 2. High stakes.
- 3. High emotions.

## II. What are the Levels of Personal Conflict?

- 1. <u>Miscommunication</u> conflict.
- 2. Behavioral conflict.
- 3. Personality conflict.
- 4. Values conflict.
- 5. <u>Spiritual</u> conflict.

#### What does Jesus value?

Jesus values <u>people</u>. Jesus values <u>love</u>. Jesus values <u>truth</u>.

"I am the truth, the way, and the life." (John 14:6)

#### III. How to deal with personal conflict?

1. We deal with conflict by the <u>Word</u> of God. (Matthew 4:1-4)

And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. (Deuteronomy 8:3)

### We deal with conflict by submitting to the <u>authority</u> of God. (Matthew 4:5-7)

You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah. (Deuteronomy 6:16)

#### 3. We deal with conflict by worshipping God. (Matthew 4:8-11)

It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. (Deuteronomy 6:13)

#### **Reflection Questions:**

- 1. What level(s) of conflict are you currently dealing with?
- 2. How has Jesus shown you a better path to deal with personal conflict?
- 3. Do you have an unresolved conflict situation in your life? How will you address it like Jesus?