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April 6 & 7, 2024

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Psalms 66:18 (TPT)

Yet if I had closed my eyes to my sin, the Lord God would have closed his ears to my prayer.

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GOD'S SEVEN-STEP PLAN FOR CONFLICT RECONCILIATION

1

I must take the _____, regardless of who is at fault.

Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)

So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

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“... go to him ...”

Who gives me the courage to take the first step?

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For God will never give you the spirit of fear, but the Holy Spirit who gives you mighty power, love, and self-control.

How to have my own personal peace conference:

- _____ a sit-down meeting
- _____ the right time
- _____ the best place
- _____ for the words to share
- _____ a positive attitude

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Romans 15:1-2 (GNBDC)

We who are strong in the faith ought to help the weak to carry their burdens. We should not please ourselves. Instead, we should all please our brothers and sisters for their own good, in order to build them up in the faith.

4**I must consider their _____ of the situation.****Philippians 2:4-5 (GNT)**

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But now it's time to eliminate them from your lives once and for all—anger, fits of rage, all forms of hatred, cursing, filthy speech, and lying. Lay aside your old Adam-self with its masquerade and disguise. For you have acquired new creation life which is continually being renewed into the likeness of the One who created you; giving you the full revelation of God.

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7

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Reconciliation – to _____ a relationship.

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