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PART 4 – UNCOMMON CONFLICT

(Romans 12:2 NLT) Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Four Causes of Conflict:

1. Poor _____.

(Psalms 141:3 NKJV) Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

2. Unfulfilled _____.

(James 4:1-2 NIV) What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? (2) You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.

3. Despising _____.

(Mark 3:25 NKJV) And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

4. _____ nature.

(Romans 3:23 NIV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Four Ways to Deal with Conflict

1. _____ way.
2. _____ way.
3. _____ way.
4. _____ way.

(Ecclesiastes 3:1, 5 NIV) There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens... (5) a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

(Genesis 31:46 NIV) He said to his relatives, "Gather some stones." So they took stones and piled them in a heap, and they ate there by the heap.

Conflict cannot _____ without my _____.

1. I will _____ not _____.

(Ephesians 4:26-27 NIV) "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, (27) and do not give the devil a foothold.

2. I will _____ on the _____ in you.

(Philippians 4:8 NIV) Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

3. I will _____ God's grace _____.

(Romans 12:19-21 NIV) Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. (20) On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." (21) Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

4. I will _____ God's grace _____.

(1 John 4:8-11 MSG) The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God is love--so you can't know him if you don't love. (9) This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. (10) This is the kind of love we are talking about--not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God. (11) My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other.

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1. Poor **communication**.

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(Psalms 141:3 NLT) Take control of what I say, O LORD, and guard my lips.

2. Unfulfilled **expectations**.

(James 4:1-2 NIV) What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? (2) You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.

3. Despising **differences**.

(Mark 3:25 NKJV) And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

4. **Sin** nature.

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Four Ways to Deal with Conflict

1. **My** way.

2. **Your** way.

3. **Half** way.

4. **God's** way.

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Conflict cannot **continue** without my **participation**.

1. I will **act** not **react**.

(Ephesians 4:26-27 NIV) "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, (27) and do not give the devil a foothold.

2. I will **focus** on the **good things** in you.

(Philippians 4:8 NIV) Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

3. I will **apply** God's grace **to you**.

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4. I will **remember** God's grace **to me**.

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