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6. STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIP THROUGH CONFLICTS

Ephesians 4:26

26 "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

2 Cor 5:16-17

17 What this means is that those who become Christians become **new persons**. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun! NLT

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17 When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a **brand new person inside**. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun! TLB

New person- Greek: creature, building, ordinance.

Acronym for PEACE:

A. UP A MIRROR

Proverbs 13:10

10 Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.

James 4:1

1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?

B. YOUR ANGER

Eph 4:27

27 for anger gives a mighty **foothold** to the Devil. NLT

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27 and do not give the devil an **opportunity**. NASU

Foothold (topos) :- means location, opportunity, room, a space of territory.

C. SLOWLY

James 1:19-20

19 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be **quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry**, 20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

Proverbs 17:28
28 Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue.

Proverbs 29:11
11 A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.

Proverbs 14:17
17 A quick-tempered man does foolish things, and a crafty man is hated.

D. THEIR CONDITION

Philippians 2:4-5
4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
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4 Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and in what they are doing. 5 Your attitude should be the kind that was shown us by Jesus Christ, TLB

E. GOD'S PLAN FOR PEACE

Ephesians 2:14
14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,

Psalms 133:3
3 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Ephesians 4:3
3 Make **every effort** to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
Make effort (spoudazo) :- to use speed, be prompt, earnest, be diligent.
Pray to God
Apologize

Proverbs 28:13
13 He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.
Speaking the truth in love

Ephesians 4:15
15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

Matthew 5:23-25
23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be **reconciled** to your brother; then come and offer your gift.
Reconcile (diallasso) :- to conciliate, to make peace
Forgive

Matthew 6:14
14 For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

MSG

Colossians 4:6 Let your conversation be **always full of grace**, seasoned with **salt**, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

What does the word "always" imply?

MSG

Make room for differences
State your differences graciously
Get over the differences, don't get stuck in them

A. MAKE FOR DIFFERENCES

1. Differences are as we are unique beings

2. The are different

3. The situation is and complex

B. STATE YOUR DIFFERENCES

Acts 15:38-40
38 but Paul did not think it **wise** to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. 39 They had such a sharp **disagreement** that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, 40 but Paul chose Silas and left, **commended** by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. NIV

Eph 4:28-32 Let no **corrupt** (unwholesome) word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may **impart grace** to the hearers. 30And do not **grieve** the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you. NKJV

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