

Truth or Consequence



Luther's Main Points

1. Selling indulgences to finance the building of St. Peter's basilica is wrong
2. The pope has no power over purgatory
3. Buying indulgences gives people a false sense of security and endangers their salvation

Being taught to avoid talking about politics and religion has led to a lack of understanding of politics and religion.

What we should have been taught was how to have a civil conversation about a difficult topic.

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Biblical View of Conflict

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

(Genesis 3:1)



Biblical View of Conflict

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

(Genesis 3:6)



Biblical View of Conflict

1. Conflict is a broken relationship



Biblical View of Conflict

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2. Conflict is a spiritual collision



Biblical View of Conflict

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.

(Galatians 5:16-17 – emphasis mine)



Biblical View of Conflict

1. Conflict is a broken relationship
2. Conflict is a spiritual collision
3. Conflict is inevitable



Biblical View of Conflict

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from you desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight...



Biblical View of Conflict

**You do not have, because you do not ask God.
When you ask, you do not receive, because you
ask with wrong motives, that you may spend
what you get on your pleasures.**

(James 4:1-3)



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Laundry done and put away
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4. Conflict is necessary



Biblical View of Conflict

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

(1 Corinthians 10:13)



Biblical View of Conflict

1. Conflict is a broken relationship
2. Conflict is a spiritual collision
3. Conflict is inevitable
4. Conflict is necessary
5. Conflict is an opportunity



Biblical View of Conflict

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

(Genesis 50:20)



Biblical View of Conflict

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

(2 Corinthians 4:17-18)



Pitfalls of Conflict

*Conflict begins when our reality
doesn't meet our expectations*



Pitfalls of Conflict

1. Triangulation



Pitfalls of Conflict

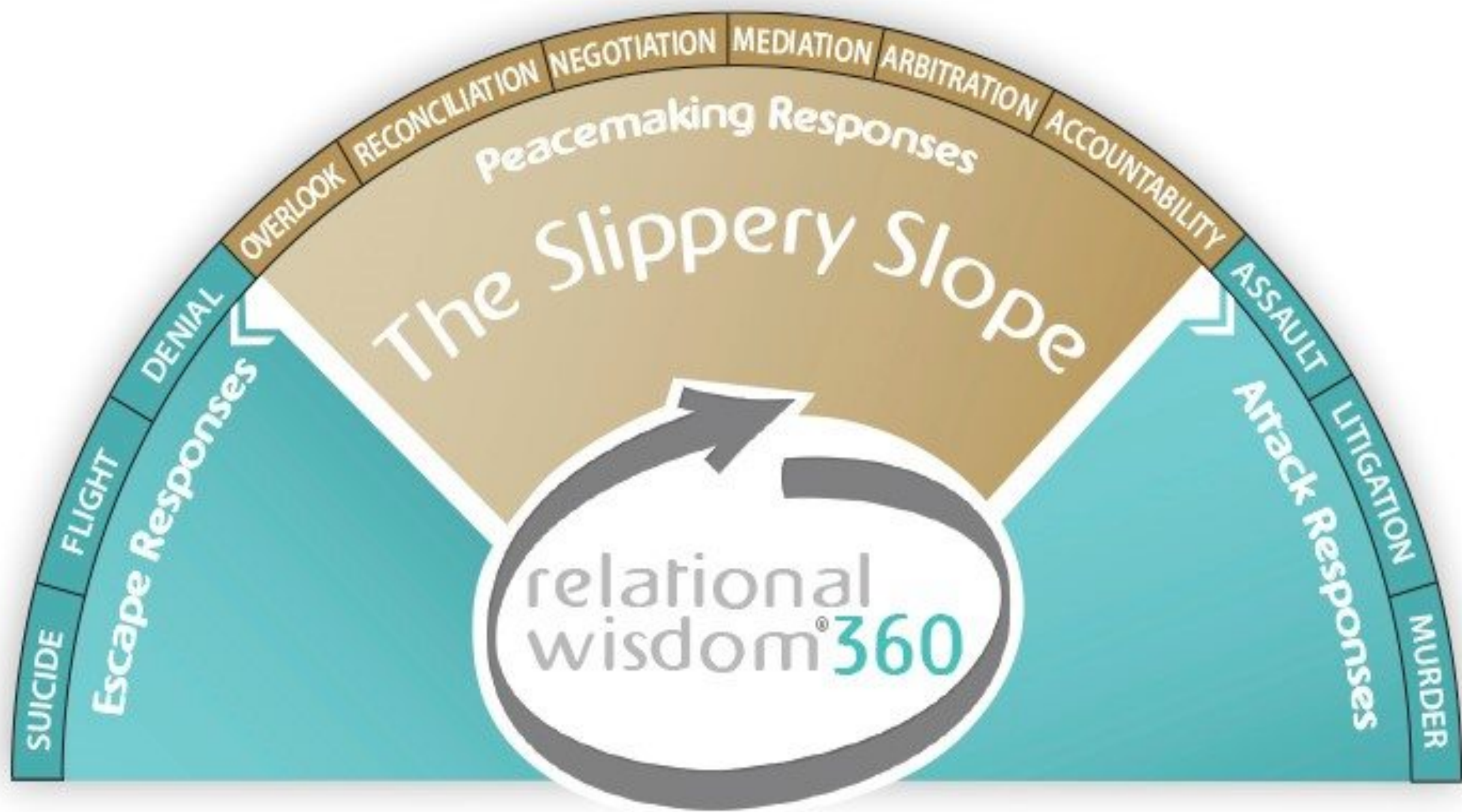
“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.”

(Matthew 18:15)



Pitfalls of Conflict

1. Triangulation
2. Fight or Flight





Pitfalls of Conflict

When Ahithophel saw that his advice had not been followed, he saddled his donkey and set out for his house in his hometown. He put his house in order and then hanged himself. So he died and was buried in his father's tomb.

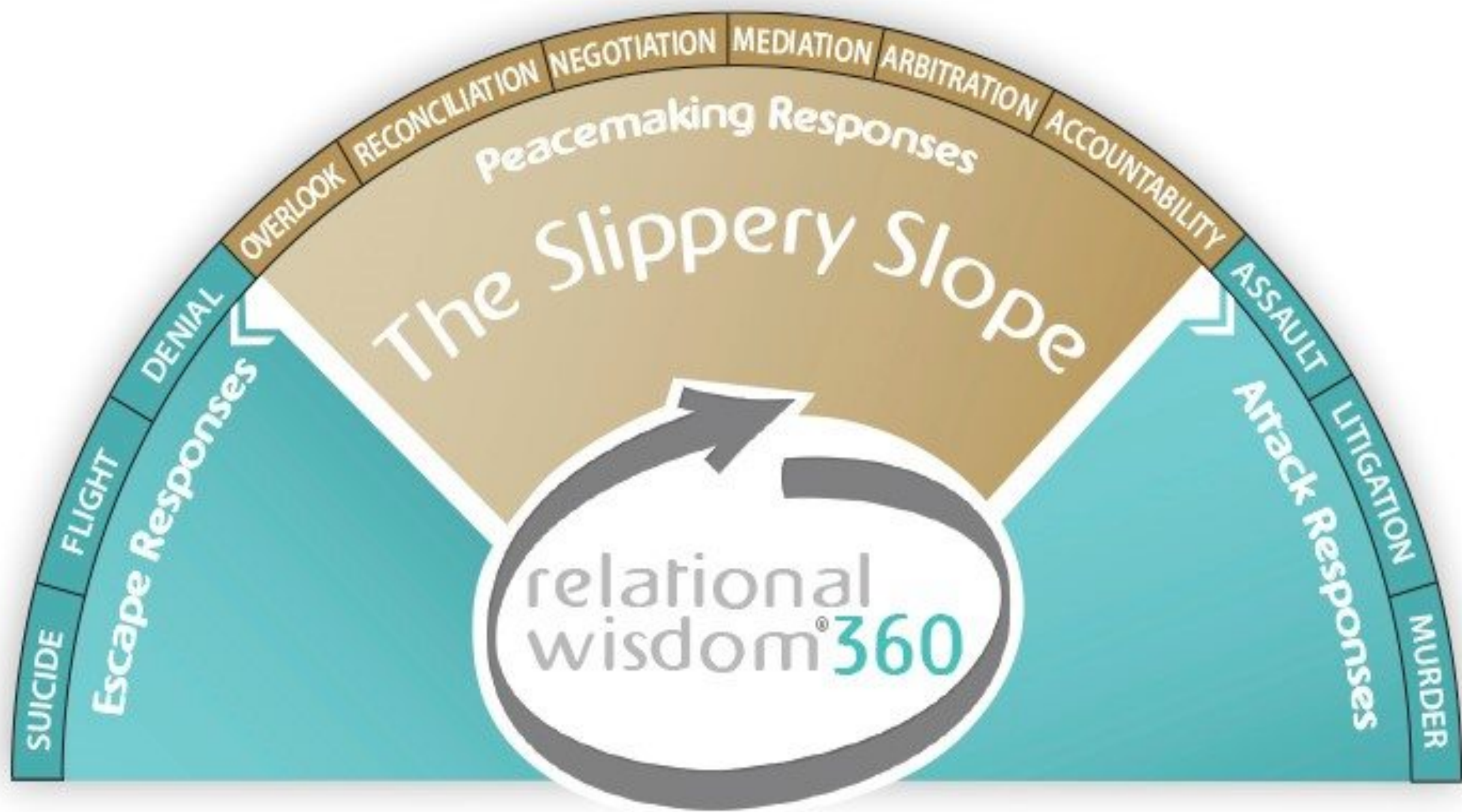
(2 Samuel 17:23)



Pitfalls of Conflict

While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep. And Paul was there, giving approval to his death.

(Acts 7:59-8:1)





Pitfalls of Conflict

1. Triangulation
2. Fight or Flight
3. Response of Others



Pitfalls of Conflict

But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

(Matthew 18:16-17)



Pitfalls of Conflict

“I rejected the church for a time because I found so little grace there. I returned because I found grace nowhere else.”

~Philip Yancey



Embrace Conflict

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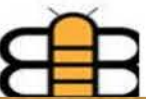
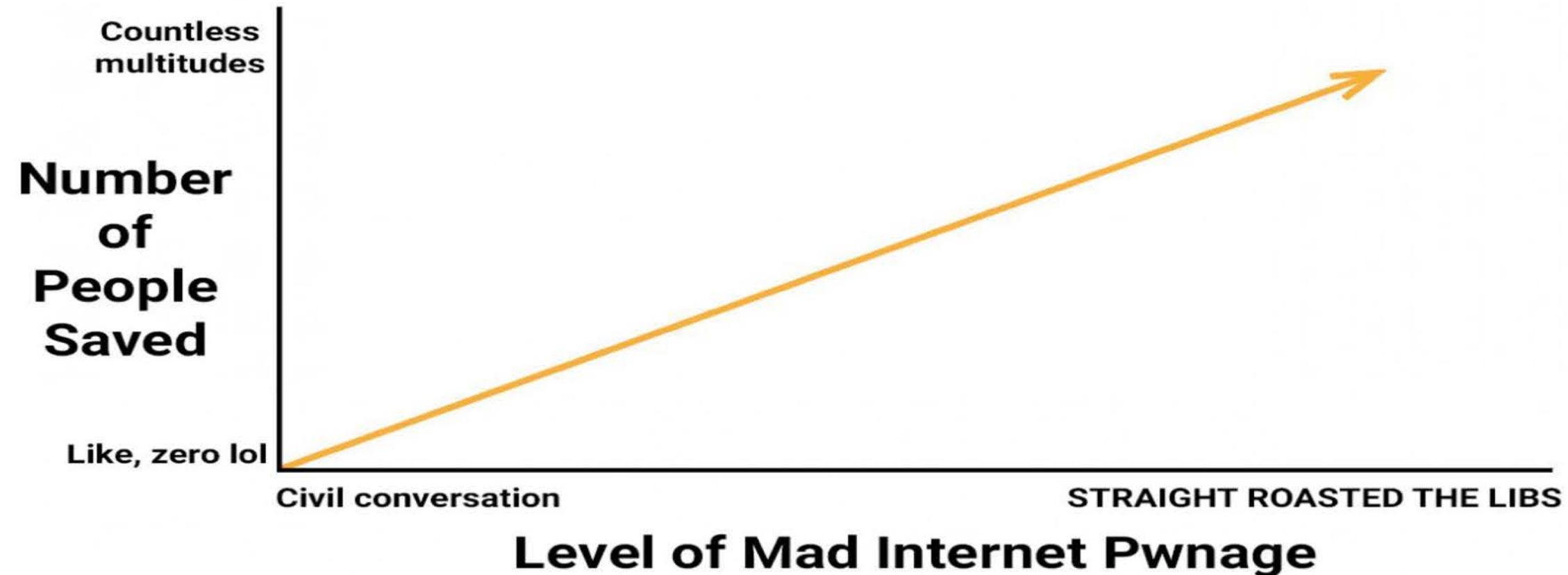
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Embrace Conflict

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

(Ephesians 4:29)



Embrace Conflict

**Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave
you.**

(Ephesians 4:32)



Embrace Conflict

The Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth.

(2 Timothy 2:24-25)



Embrace Conflict

SPEAK TRUTH IN LOVE

Don't corrupt others

Build others up

Be kind to one another

Forgive one another

Don't fight

Gently instruct

ASSERTIVENESS

UNASSERTIVE ↑ ASSERTIVE



UNCOOPERATIVE



COOPERATIVE

COOPERATIVENESS



Embrace Conflict

FEEDBACK FORMULA

Introduce the conversation

Affirm the relationship

Describe the behavior – ***“I’ve noticed...”***

State the impact of the behavior

Ask their perception of the situation

Make a suggestion or request

Thank them



Embrace Conflict

1. Describe the behaviour and it's impact. Use ***"I've noticed..."***
2. Ask their perception
3. Make a suggestion or request

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