




## Common Cause

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### Introduction:

- Common cause in all families - conflict
- We all deal with conflict differently
- You  are the problem

## Family Conflict

1. Resist \_\_\_\_\_

2. Realize the underlying cause - \_\_\_\_\_

*Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that make war inside you. You want things, but you don't get them. So you kill and are jealous of others. But you still cannot get what you want. So you argue and fight. You don't get what you want because you don't ask God. Or when you ask, you don't receive anything, because the reason you ask is wrong. You only want to use it for your own pleasure. **James 4:1-4** ERV*

*Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. **Philippians 2:4** NRSV*

### 3. Ask God to change them \_\_\_\_\_

*Don't worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks for what you have. And because you belong to Christ Jesus, God's peace will stand guard over all your thoughts and feelings. His peace can do this far better than our human minds.*

**Philippians 4:6-7** ERV

### Next Steps:

- I will re-read today's Bible verses this week
- I ask God today to help me with the conflict I'm having with \_\_\_\_\_ (and commit to keep praying)
- I confess that I am responsible for at least some of the conflict in my family
- I will put my faith and trust in God for my happiness and my future family
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