CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, January 24, 2016



Part 1

The Art of Confrontation

Confrontation takes place when one person

communicates to another person the need to redirect personal behaviour or belief.

HEALTHY

CONFRONTATION

IS A GIFT.

HEALTHY CONFRONTATION . . .

1) Helps Us Grow.

As iron sharpens iron so people can improve each other.

Proverbs 27:17

2) Is an Act of Love.

A refusal to correct is a refusal to love.

Proverbs 13:24 (The Message)

3) Is Commanded by God.

…if someone is trapped in sin, you should gently lead that person back to the right path. But watch out, and don't be tempted yourself. You obey the law of Christ when you offer each other a helping hand.

Galatians 6:1b-2 (CEV)

If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you.

Matthew 18:15 (The Message)

The Book of Philemon

The confronter is the Apostle Paul.

The confronted is Philemon.

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The issue is the relationship Philemon has with Onesimus.

FOUR ACTIONS ENABLE HEALTHY CONFRONTATION

1. SEE:

It is seeing . . . ME, the CONFRONTED, and GOD correctly.

ME

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

Philemon :1

CONFRONTED

To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker, . . .

Philemon :2

GOD

Paul references God by name in verses 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 20, 23, 25

Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for good – no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother.

Philemon :15

2) SAY:

GIFT WRAPPING

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people.

Philemon :3-7

yet I appeal to you on the basis of love.

Philemon :9

GIFT

So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

Philemon :17

3) SERVE:

If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. I Paul am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back –

Philemon :18-19a

4) STAY:

And one thing more: Prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers.

Philemon :22