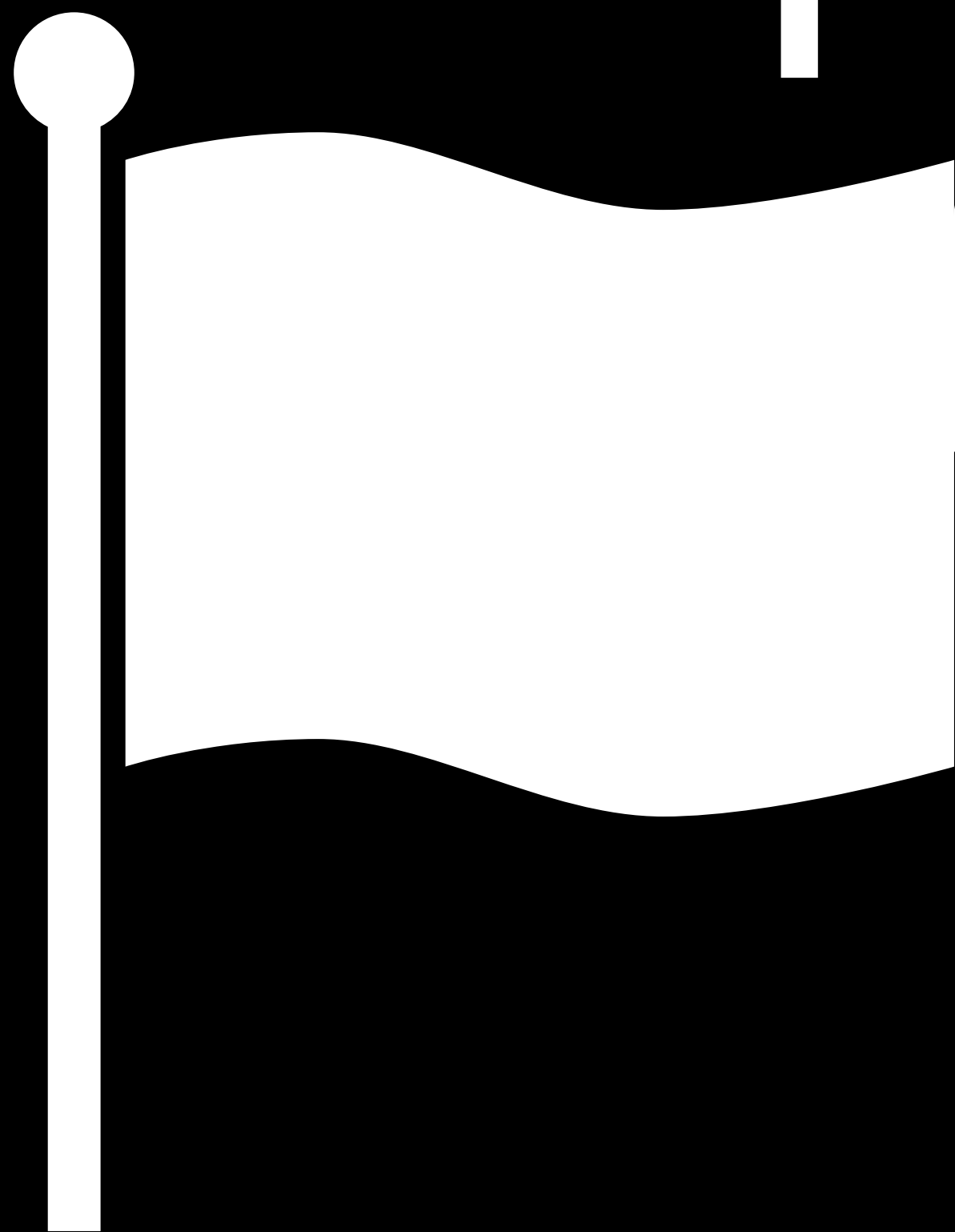


# Peacemaking

# for Families

A Biblical Guide to Managing Conflict  
in Your Home

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“Where two or three are gathered...there’s a conflict waiting to happen.”

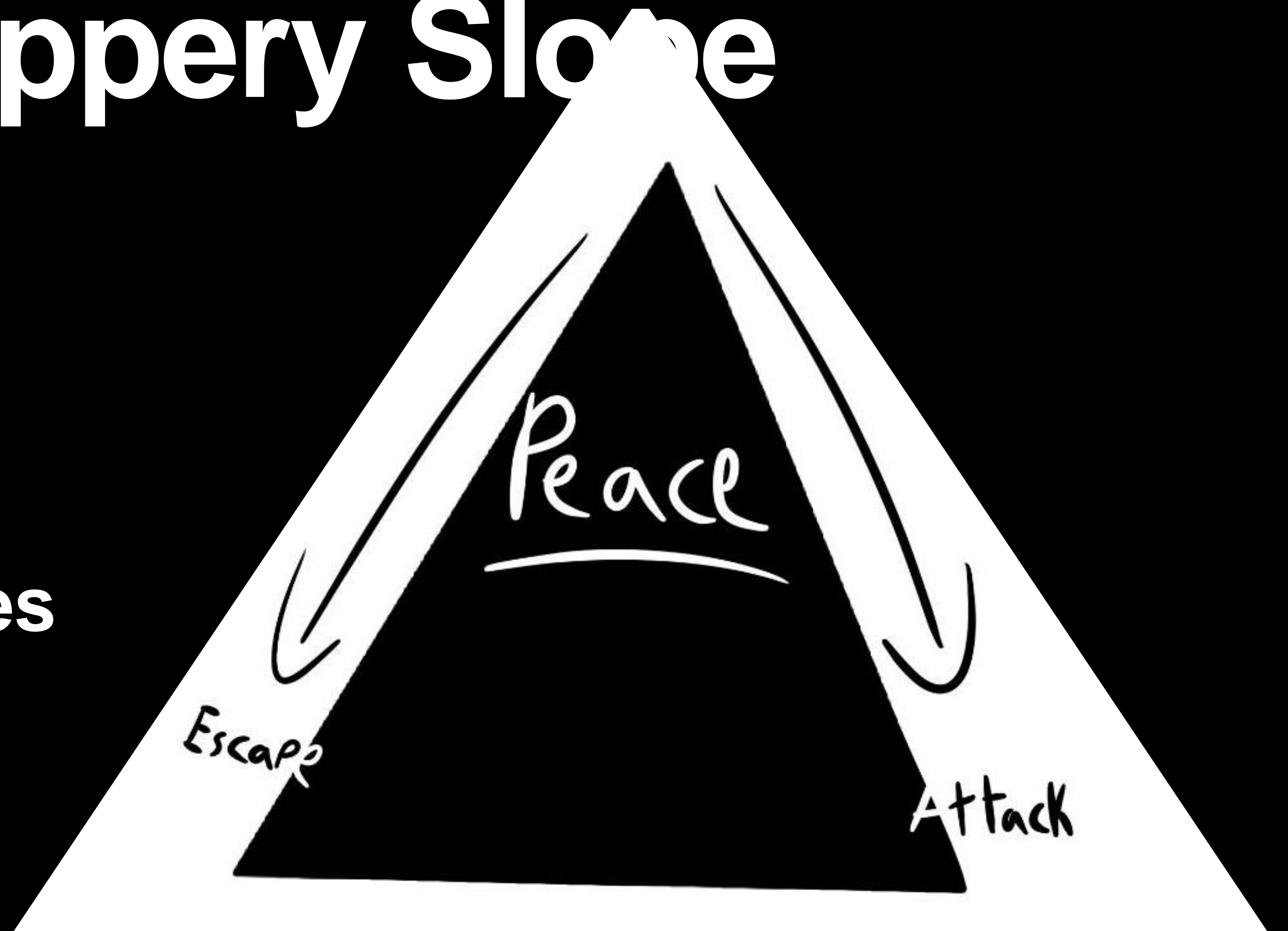
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# The Slippery Slope

\*Escape responses

\*Attack responses

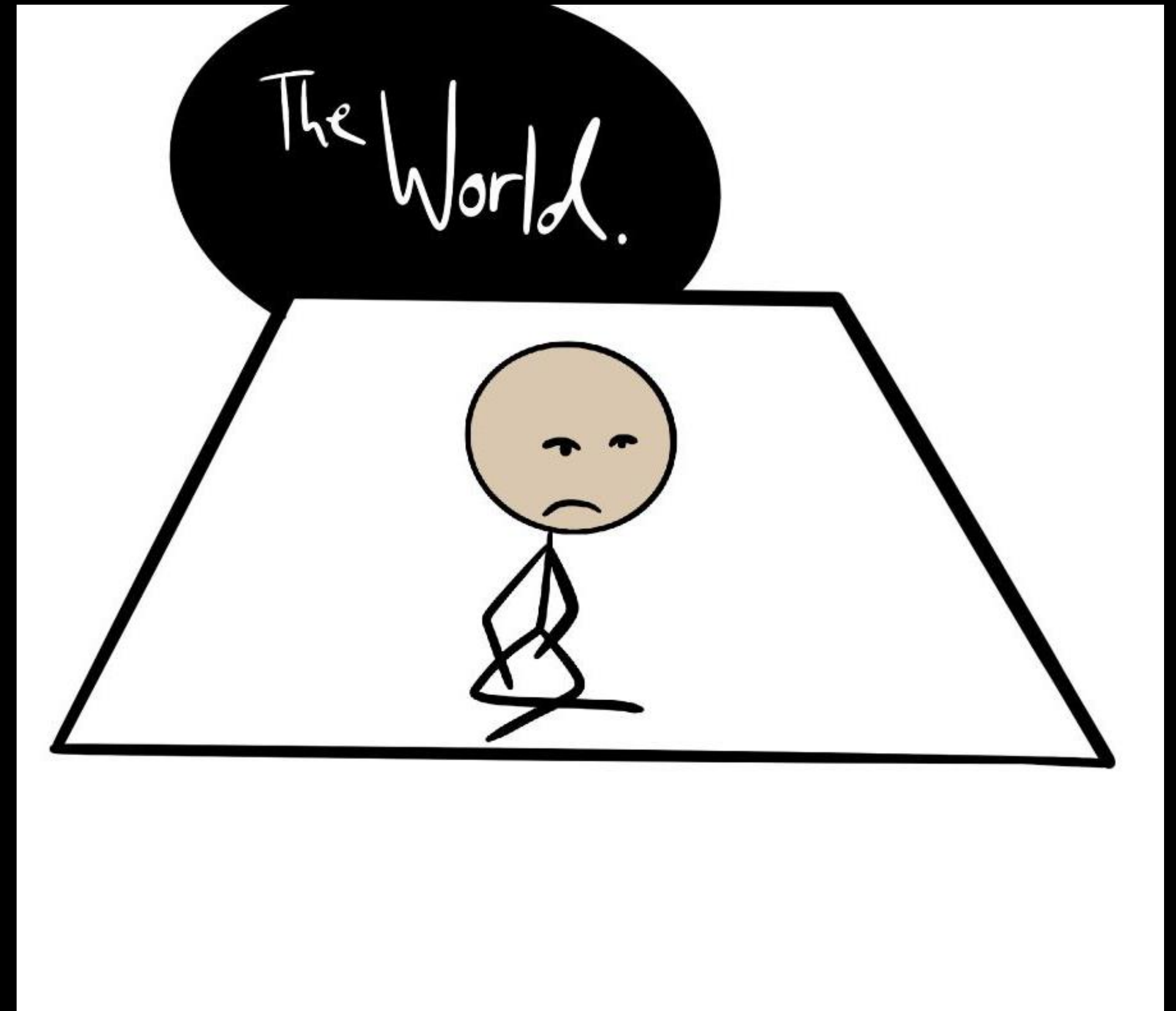
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# Escape Responses

## Peacefaking

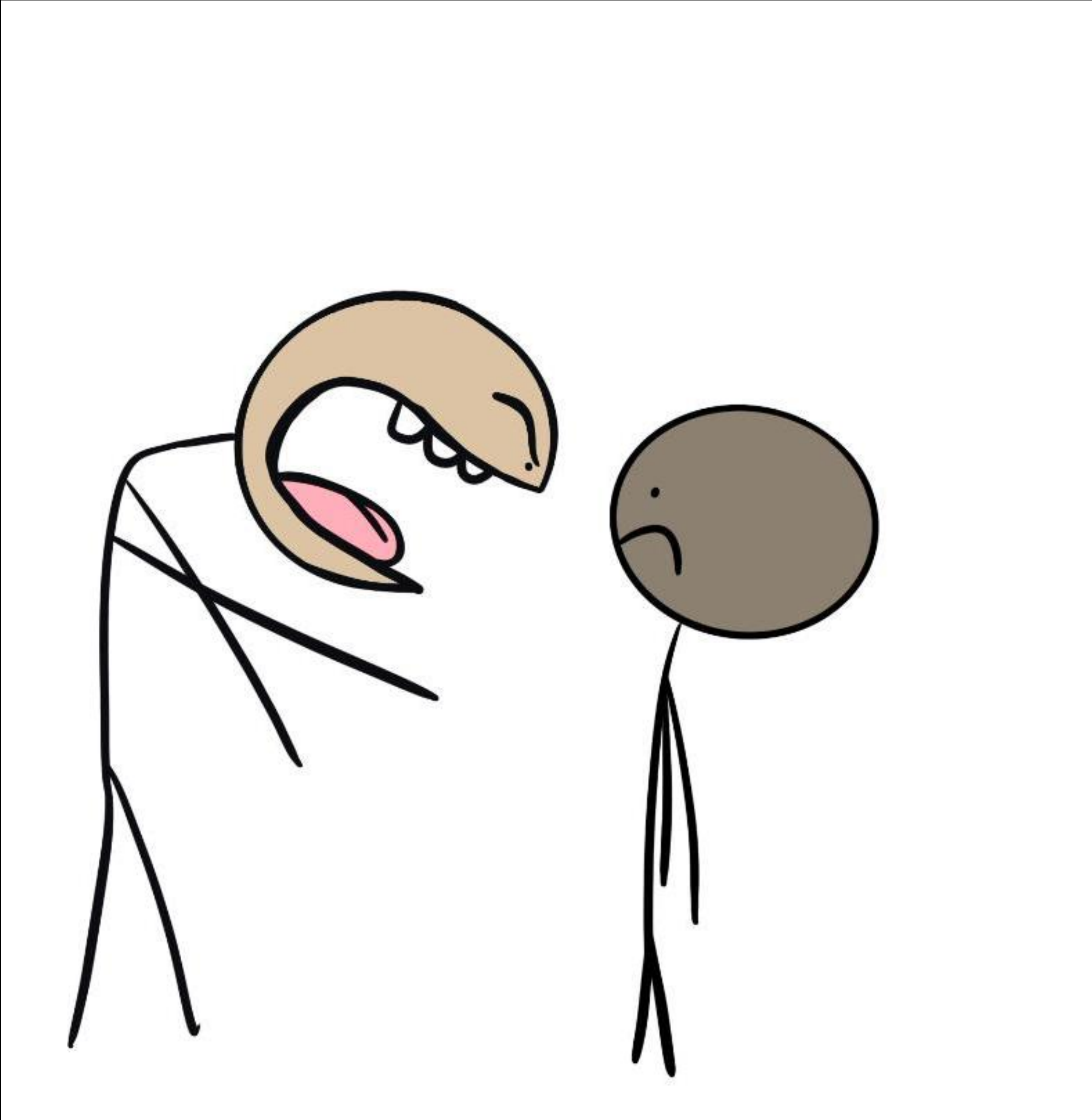
- Denial
- Flight
- Suicide



# Attack Responses

## Peacebreaking

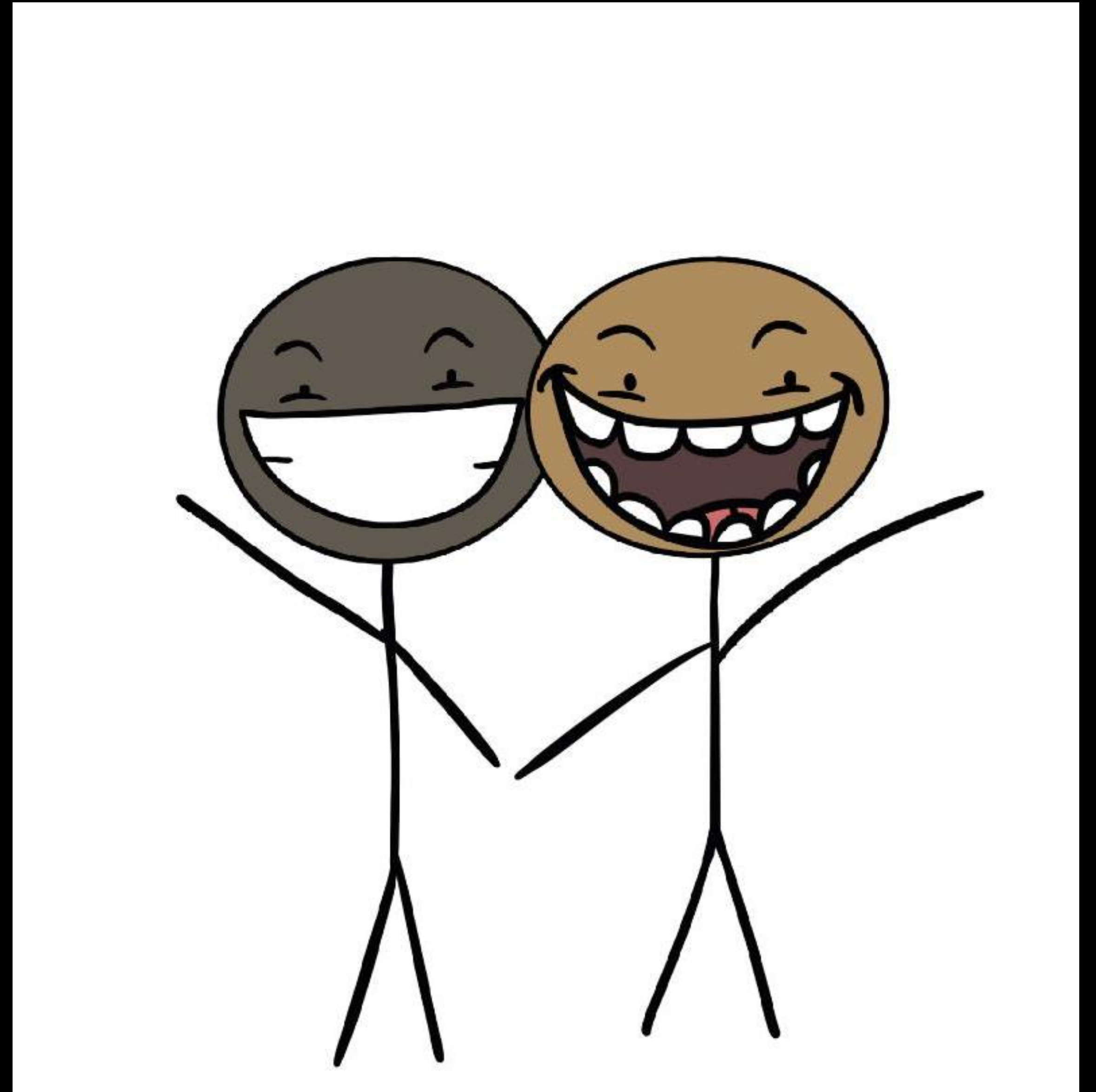
- Assault
- Litigation
- Murder



# Peacemaking Responses

## Peacemaking

- Overlooking
- Discussion
- Negotiation
- Individual Counseling
- Joint Counseling/Mediation
- Church Discipline



“God is eager to display the wonders of the gospel in the midst of our marital and family conflict so that He can reveal the life changing power of His Son, Jesus Christ.”

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# The Heart of Conflict

The Progression of An Idol

I Desire

I Demand

I Judge

I Punish



# The Cure for an Idolatrous Heart

Love, Fear, Trust—Words of Worship

- His Word, Scripture
- His Spirit
- His Church

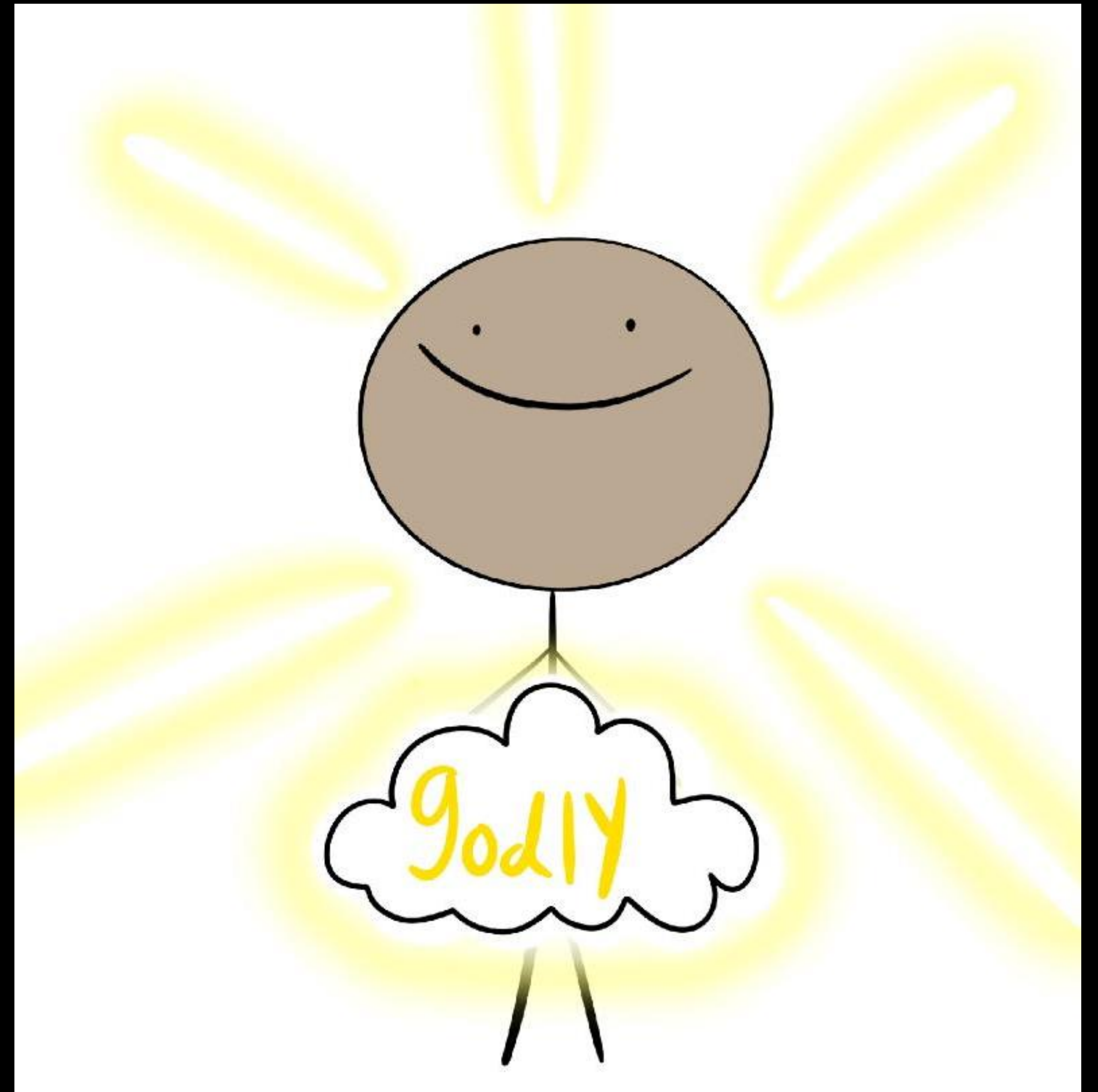
**“God wants His love for us to be reflected in our love for one another.” John 13:34-35**

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# Conflict Provides Opportunities

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

- To Glorify God
- To Serve our Neighbor
- To Be like Christ



# Four Point Conflict Resolution

## The Four G's

- Glorify God
- Get the Log Out of Your Own Eye
- Go and Show Your Brother His Fault
- Go and Be Reconciled

# The Peacemaking Marriage

## Self Examination/Confession

- Words
- Actions
- Attitudes and Motivations

# The Seven A's of Confession

- Address Everyone Involved
- Avoid If, But, and Maybe
- Admit Specifically
- Apologize
- Accept the Consequences
- Alter Your Behavior
- Ask for Forgiveness and Allow Time

# Confrontation

- Build up, don't tear down
- Be quick to listen
- Heal with wise communication
- Minister with the Gospel
- Getting help

# Forgiveness

## The Four Promises of Forgiveness

- I will not think about this incident.
- I will not bring up this incident again and use it against you.
- I will not talk to others about this incident.
- I will not allow this incident to stand between us or hinder our personal relationship.



# Overcoming Unforgiveness

- Confirm Repentance
- Renounce Sinful Attitudes and Expectations
- Remember God's Forgiveness
- Practice the Replacement Principle

# Negotiation

## PAUSE

- Prepare
- Affirm relationships
- Understand interests
- Search for creative solutions
- Evaluate options objectively and reasonably

# Family Conflict

## Teaching Children to be Peacemakers

- Equipping Children for Life
- **ALWAYS** Minister to your Child's Heart
- Peacemaking Instruction (ABCD)

# Getting Help

## Troubled Marriage WARNING SIGNS

- You sense a steady decline in respect, affection, or love for your spouse.
- Your conversations are growing increasingly superficial.
- You feel less and less desire to be with your spouse and a growing desire to be doing things away from your spouse.
- You talk repeatedly about the same issues without making noticeable progress in resolving them.
- You argue frequently or with intense anger.
- You go through lengthy periods of unforgiveness.
- You or your spouse seem to be attracted to another person.

- Talk with your spouse

(Matthew 18:15-17)

- Seek counsel

- Church discipline

# Insurance Policies

**-a healthy marriage**

- Nurture the marital relationship
- Learn to be peacemakers
- Join a peacemaking church
- Join a couples small group
- Agree to seek help when needed
- Sign a marriage covenant
- Be available to help other couples

# The Young Peacemaker

## Checklist

- Conflict is a slippery slope.
- Conflict starts in the heart.
- Choices have consequences.
- Wise-way choices are better than my-way choices.
- The blame game makes conflict worse.
- Forgiveness is a choice.
- It's never too late to start doing what's right.
- Think before you speak.
- Respectful communication is more likely to be heard.
- A respectful appeal can prevent conflict.