



**Sermon Outline
December 3, 2023
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**You Can Only Do
What You Can Do**

Romans 12:18

* *The best thing about the church is the _____.*
The hardest thing about the church is the _____.

Lesson #11 - University of Practical Faith

Romans 12:18 - If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

● **Your _____:** *Intentionally and actively maintain healthy relationships.*

** If it is possible...live at peace with everyone.*

● **Peace is the _____.**

Romans 14:19 - Let us therefore **make every effort** to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

● **Conflict is the _____.**

Acts 15:39a – They (Paul and Barnabas) had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company.

● Four Key Conflict Resolution Questions:

Question #1 – *Am I in _____?*

How to determine if you're in conflict:

- Has someone sinned against me or me against them?
- Has someone broken my trust in them?
- Have I spoken disparagingly about someone?
- Am I imagining payback, revenge, or justice?
- Am I actively avoiding someone?

Question #2 – *Can I _____ it?*

Proverbs 19:11b - It is to one's glory to overlook an offense.

● *Can I make allowance for faults, _____, & move on?*

Luke 23:34a - Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Question #3 – *What is _____ to own?*

Matthew 7:3 - Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?

● Recognize that blame rarely lies 100% with any single party.

Galatians 6:4a - Each one should test their own actions.

● What of your actions – however big or small – may have contributed to this conflict?

Question #4 – *How can I seek _____?*

Matthew 5:23-24a - If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them.

Matthew 18:15a - If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you.

- First, talk in private, one-on-one.
- If they won't listen or pursue reconciliation, try having the conversation again with one or two others.
- If that doesn't work, try again with a group from the church.
- If that doesn't work, treat them as you would someone outside the church.
- But if they listen and desire reconciliation, make amends.

● **Your _____:** *You can only do what you can do.*

** "as far as it depends on you"*

There's _____ part. Requiring courage.

There's _____ part. Requiring cooperation.

There's _____ part. Requiring Divine intervention.

All of which requires you to stay in your _____.