

# Fight Right with Oletha Barnett

## Video 1: The Nature of Conflict

### What to know

- Conflict is inevitable.
- It can be an enemy of peace when handled destructively.
- It can be a catalyst to greater peace when handled constructively.
- Handling conflict destructively
  - Is sinful
  - Causes breach in your relationship with God.
- Expect conflict, but handle it in a peaceful manner

### Responses

- Attack (assault, litigation, murder)
- Escape (denial, flight, suicide)
- Peacemaking (overlook, reconciliation, negotiation, mediation, arbitration)

### The right attitude

- Conflict is an opportunity
  - To glorify God
  - To serve Others
  - To grow to be like Christ
- Embrace conflict for the opportunities

## Video 2: God's Way

### Biblical guidelines

- Pursue peace and the building up of one another: Romans 12:18
- Conflict resolution road to travel **Matthew 18:15 & Matthew 18:16**

## **How to respond to one who refuses to make peace**

- Not one size fits all
- Romans 12:18—If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone
- Use your moral compass – the Holy Spirit
- Don't try to force peace
- Sometimes, it takes time
- Make sure that you are making every effort to pursue peace
- Pray

## **Video 3: Understanding the Differences of Others**

### **Allow for your differences**

- Examples
  - Race/Cultural Differences
  - Personality
  - Gender
  - Generational
  - Believer/Non-believer
  - Political party
- Agree to disagree without being disagreeable

### **Top suggestions to deal with conflict**

- Have a strategic plan to resolve conflict that will inevitably come
- Apply God's Word
  - Follow Matthew 18:15-16
  - Allow for the differences of others and love