

Text: 2 Samuel 14:1-33
Topic: Fellowship. Conflict.
Series: Book of 2 Samuel

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Strained Relations

Moving from Frustration to Friendship



1. Monitor _____ (v.1)

2. Act _____ (vv.2-21)

3. Do _____ (vv.22-33)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. The Bible continually stresses the importance of Christians having unified and harmonious interpersonal relationships. Why do you think this is so important to God?

If you are a parent, what are some of the reasons you have for wanting your children to have good, close, and harmonious relationships with their siblings?

2. Our hearts can be incredibly deceptive. Describe a situation in which you ignored or avoided an interpersonal problem because it was difficult for you to sort out the turmoil in your heart.

How is an interpersonal problem compounded by ignoring or avoiding its resolution?

3. Read Colossians 3:12-14 several times. Attempt to memorize these verses before the day is over. Based on this passage, what distance do you see between how God treats you and how you are currently treating a person with whom you have a strained relationship?

Pick at least two of the commands from Colossians 3:12-14 and list a specific action step for each (e.g., "I will show compassion toward Jim by...").

4. What specifically do you think is required from you to move a currently strained relationship from frustration to friendship?

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule...

Sunday

Lev.25 & Mt.23

Monday

Lev.26-27 & Mt.24

Tuesday

Num. 1-3 & Mt.25

Wednesday

Num.4-6 & Mt.26

Thursday

Num. 7-8 & Mt.27

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Num. 9-11 & Mt.28

Saturday

Num. 12-14 & Mk.1