

It's Complicated “Power, Posture and the Way We Appeal”

Navigating Conflict, Hurt and Reconciliation 5.17.26

That is why I am boldly asking a favor of you. I could demand it in the name of Christ because it is the right thing for you to do. ⁹ But because of our love, I prefer simply to ask you. Consider this as a request from me—Paul, an old man and now also a prisoner for the sake of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I appeal to you to show kindness to my child, Onesimus. I became his father in the faith while here in prison. ¹¹ Onesimus hasn't been of much use to you in the past, but now he is very useful to both of us. Philemon 8-11 (NLT)

How to begin pursuing reconciliation

- Prioritize restoring the relationship over winning the argument
- Invite Jesus-centered voices into conflict
- Make kindness a high priority
- Refuse to weaponize the past

Notes

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