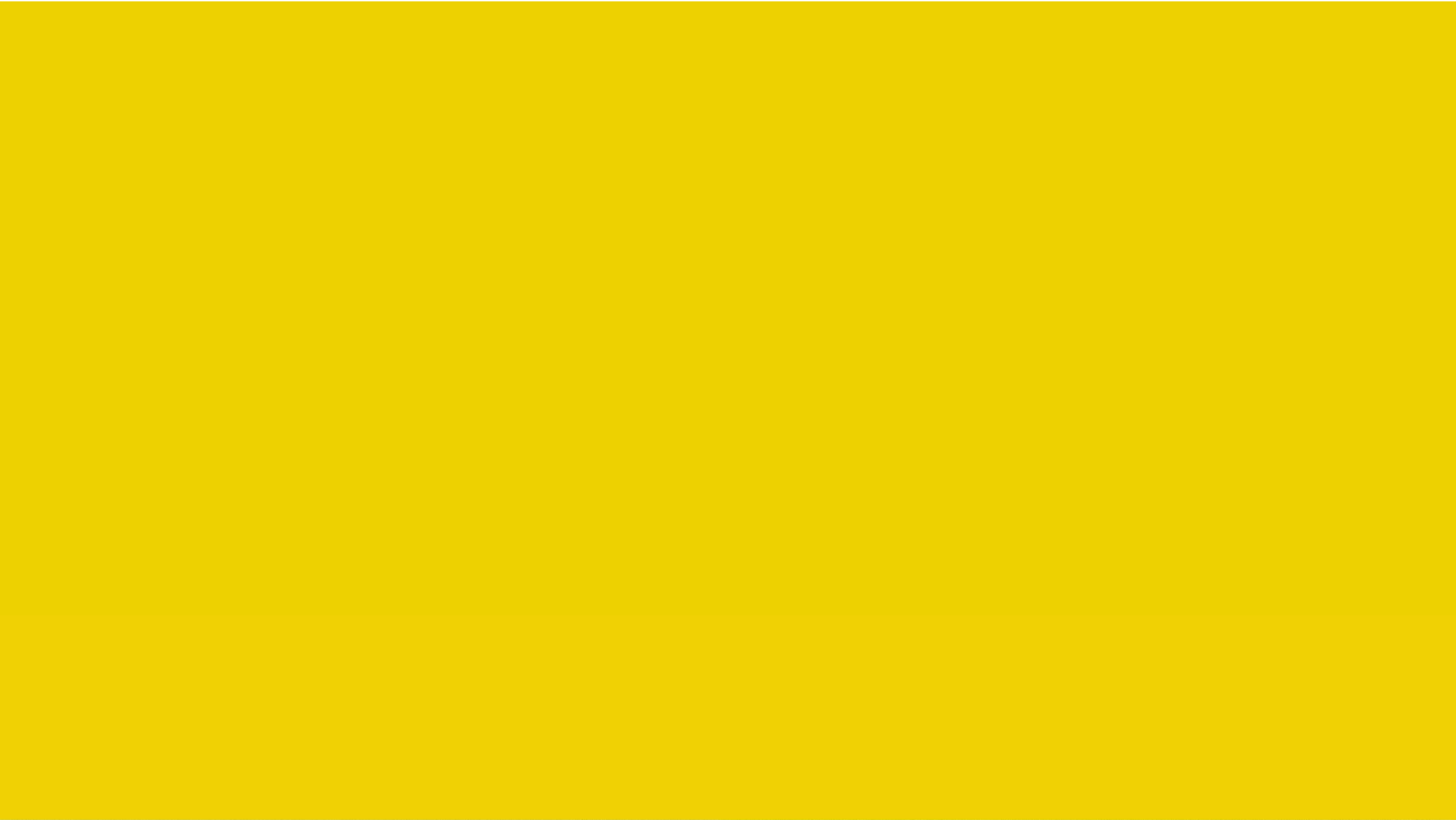




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Review

- All tribes nations and tongues
- Value Based Budget
- God created marital relations and declared them good
- Sin broke it, the church can fix it
- We need to communicate



Sources of Conflict

- **Genuine Malice**
- **Misunderstanding/Miscommunication**
- **Incorrect (or sometimes correct) Assumptions**
- **Cultural differences**



Myths About Conflict

- Conflict is bad
- If someone sins against me, I have a right to be angry
- If I am angry the Godly thing to do is keep it to myself



The image features a landscape with a green hill in the foreground and a teal sky in the background. A church steeple with a dark, pointed roof is visible on the horizon. A semi-transparent, dark teal rectangular box is centered over the middle of the image, containing the text "Anger is a warning" in white. Behind the text, a faint, semi-transparent image of an elephant is visible.

Anger is a warning

Resolving Conflict

1. Take the initiative



Matthew 5:23-24

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Resolving Conflict

1. **Take the initiative**
2. **Confess your part**



Matthew 7:3-5

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Resolving Conflict

1. Take the initiative
2. Confess your part
3. Listen



James 1:19

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger,



Resolving Conflict

1. Take the initiative
2. Confess your part
3. Listen
4. Consider their perspective



The background of the slide is a photograph of a landscape. It features rolling green hills in the foreground and middle ground, leading up to a clear, light blue sky. The hills are covered in dense green grass or low-lying vegetation. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

Philippians 2:4

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Resolving Conflict

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2. Confess your part
3. Listen
4. Consider their perspective
5. Truth + Grace



Ephesians 4:15

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,



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5. Truth + Grace
6. Fix the problem, not the blame



Colossians 3:8

But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

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6. Fix the problem, not the blame
7. Reconciliation before resolution



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Matthew 5:9

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

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So What?

- Families fight
- Families forgive
- Families put family first

