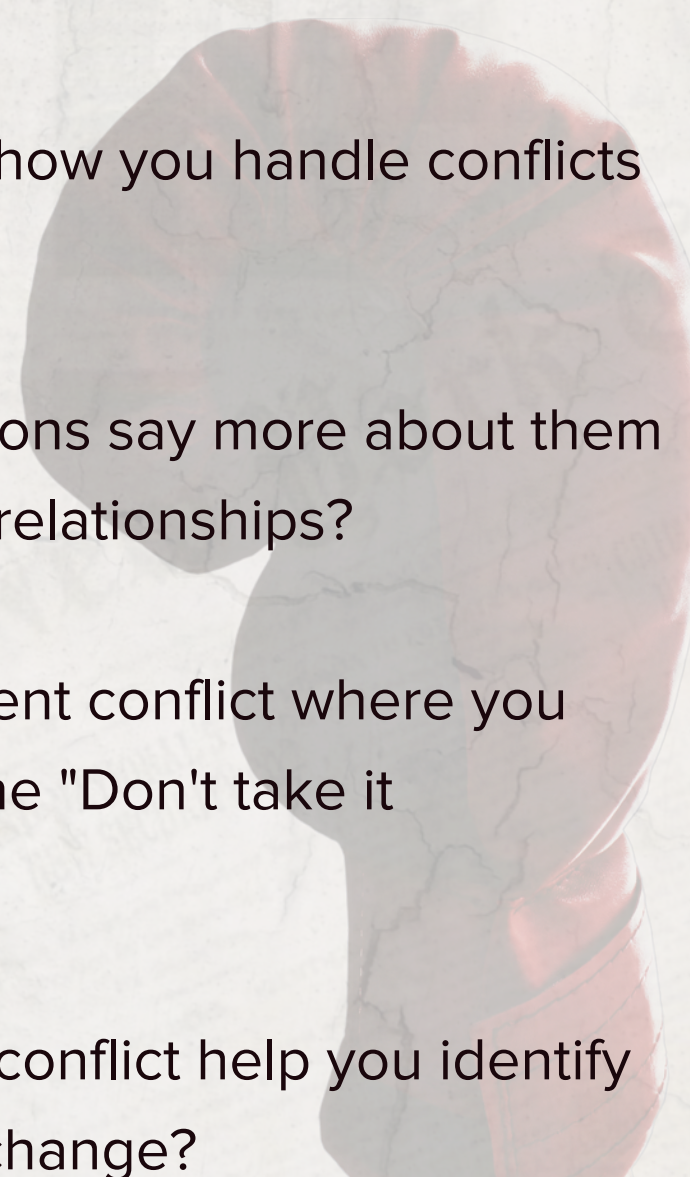


CONNECTION POINTS | 5/5/24

Read Matthew 22:15-21

1. What stands out to you in how Jesus handled this conflict? What would you have typically done if you were Jesus? How do you typically respond when you feel personally attacked in a conflict?
 2. How does knowing your identity in Christ affect how you handle conflicts and personal attacks?
 3. In what ways can understanding that others' actions say more about them than about you help you navigate conflicts in your relationships?
 4. Reflecting on the sermon, can you think of a recent conflict where you might have reacted differently if you had applied the "Don't take it personally" or "Take it personally" approach?
 5. How can the concept of "taking it personally" in conflict help you identify areas in your life where you may need to grow or change?
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CONNECTION POINTS | 4/28/24

Think about a recent disagreement or conflict you had. How could you have approached it differently, keeping in mind the principle of sacrificially seeking the other person's benefit without violating their freewill?

Consider the relationships in your life where there are significant disagreements. How can you show Christ's love in those relationships, even when you strongly disagree?

Reflect on the story of Paul and Barnabas (Acts 15:36-40). How do you see their example of disagreement and separation as a reflection of real-life conflicts? What can you learn from their story about handling disagreements in a Christlike manner?

Are there areas in your life where you need to let go of the desire to control others and instead focus on loving them sacrificially? How can you begin to practice this in your daily interactions?

In what ways can you seek to understand and respect the freewill of others, even when you disagree with their choices or beliefs?

Take a moment to pray for the person you are having a disagreement with.

“Lord, help me to love the person I disagree with. Help me to sacrificially be for them, what you would have me to be. Jesus, as you love me, help me to love others.”