



## Faith, Hope and Love || Love and Conflict

### Isaiah 6:1-13

Conflict is something that is unavoidable. Since everyone is a sinful person, there is conflict within each of us. We can choose to handle it in a healthy, Christ-centered manner or try to handle it on our own strength.

- *Can you think of a recent time where you had to handle conflict? What was the situation and how did you handle it?*

Some truths to remember about conflict is that you can't avoid it no matter how hard you try, you shouldn't be surprised by it and God didn't remove it from the world.

- *Conflict can be difficult to work through and it will happen in your life, multiple times. Why do you think God allows us to go through conflict?*

### Read Isaiah 6:1-13

- *What is God preparing Isaiah to do and what must he do first before he can do God's task?*

The first way we can handle conflict is by absorbing it. Absorbing it doesn't mean ignoring it but it's learning how to lay your desires at the foot of the cross and denying your needs in order to help the other person.

- *Look up 1 Peter 4:8. How does this verse encourage you to absorb the conflict?*
- *You must trust God with the conflict to be able to absorb it, what does that look like for you?*

There are times when you will have to confront the conflicting situation and won't be able to absorb it. The most important thing to remember when having to face the conflict is to spend time with God first, check your heart and confess your sins.

- *What are things to focus on when you are spending that time with the Lord preparing your heart for handling conflict?*

C.S. Lewis says, "we can't altar the character of the people around us." We must remember that you can only control your behavior and responses, which is why it's so important for us to go to the Lord with our conflicts. Take some time by yourself to think through if there is any unresolved conflict in your life then take it to the Lord and ask Him to guide you through it.