

GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH STUFF: IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING!

GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH STUFF OF CONFRONTATION

SELECTED SCRIPTURES



The Heart of the Matter

Nothing has the power to free us like the truth. It aids in our maturity as we speak the truth “in love,” and once we know truth and really embrace it, we will be “free indeed.” Perhaps one of the reasons we are too hesitant to express our true feelings to another person is because it may bring a measure of pain. Sometimes the truth hurts, though we share it tactfully and graciously. And because this is true, we should learn from Jesus who was never reluctant to speak candidly and honestly.



Discovering the Way

1. Gaining an Understanding of Confrontation

The word *confrontation* doesn't appear in Scripture, but the concept does, helping us understand what confrontation is and how it works.

2. Observing Confrontation in Action: Christ and Peter (Selected Scriptures)

Watching Jesus deal with Peter gives us clues as to when to confront (Matthew 16:21–23), why to confront (Luke 22:31–34), and how to confront (22:47–62).



Starting Your Journey

The next time you need to confront someone, keep these three things in mind. First, be sure there is a good reason. Second, be specific about the purpose. Third, be sensitive with the way you do it.



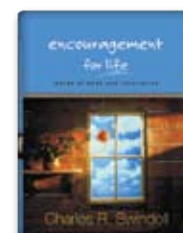
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