

CONFLICT LEADS TO COMMUNION

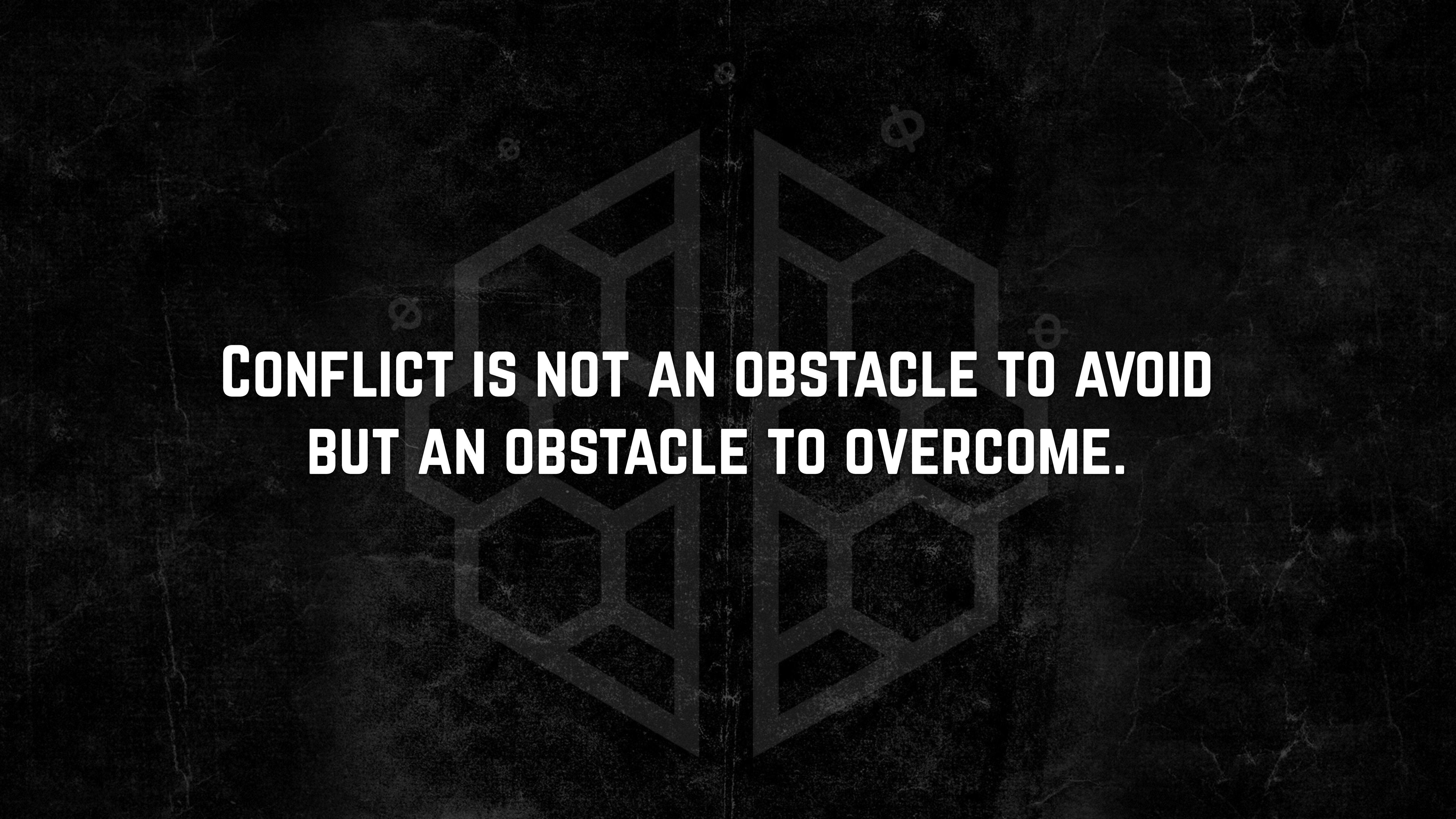
WHY BEES BUTT HEADS



**CONFLICT IS INEVITABLE. WRONG MUST BE MADE RIGHT,
ISSUES MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED, AND PROBLEMS MUST BE
SOLVED.**

WHY DOES CONFLICT EXIST?

1. LACK OF COMMON UNDERSTANDING
2. POOR COMMUNICATION SKILLS
3. UNCLEAR EXPECTATIONS
4. POWER PLAYS AND MANIPULATION
5. BAD BEHAVIOR



**CONFLICT IS NOT AN OBSTACLE TO AVOID
BUT AN OBSTACLE TO OVERCOME.**



**HOW CAN CONFLICT
LEAD TO COMMUNION?**

WHEN BUTTING HEADS CAUSES US TO PUT OFF OUR OLD SELF

**YOU WERE TAUGHT, WITH REGARD TO YOUR FORMER WAY OF
LIFE, TO PUT OFF YOUR OLD SELF, WHICH IS BEING CORRUPTED
BY ITS DECEITFUL DESIRES.**

EPHESIANS 4:22

WHEN BUTTING HEADS CAUSES US TO PUT ON OUR NEW SELF

**TO BE MADE NEW IN THE ATTITUDE OF YOUR MINDS; AND TO
PUT ON THE NEW SELF, CREATED TO BE LIKE GOD IN TRUE
RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS.**

EPHESIANS 4:23-24

DEALING WITH CONFLICT IN THE NEW SELF INVITES US TO

1. ADMIT IT EXISTS
2. ANALYZE THE SITUATION
3. COMMUNICATE
4. LISTEN AND ASK QUESTIONS

WHEN BUTTING HEADS CAUSES US TO CHOOSE THE NEW COMMUNITY

**THEREFORE EACH OF YOU MUST PUT OFF FALSEHOOD AND
SPEAK TRUTHFULLY TO YOUR NEIGHBOR, FOR WE ARE ALL
MEMBERS OF ONE BODY... AND DO NOT GIVE THE DEVIL A
FOOTHOLD.**

EPHESIANS 4:25, 27

BE CHRIST-LIKE

- 1. CONTROL OUR EMOTIONS**
PROVERBS 15:18
- 2. RESPECT OTHERS**
MATTHEW 5:23-24
- 3. MAINTAIN COMMUNITY**
MATTHEW 18:15-17

BE REALISTIC

- 1. CONFLICTS ARE NOT ALWAYS BAD**
- 2. CONFLICTS ARE NOT ALWAYS RESOLVABLE**

BE FOCUSED

- 1. NO AGREEMENT BUT ACCEPTANCE**
ACTS 15:1–2
- 2. FULL AGREEMENT**
ACTS 15:5–21
- 3. PARTIAL AGREEMENT**
ACTS 15:36–40

WHEN WE AGREE WE ARE MEMBERS OF ONE BODY, CONFLICT IS A GIFT. IT SANCTIFIES US, LEADING US TO CONSCIOUSLY CHOOSE THE MIND OF CHRIST FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHRIST'S WORK IN THE WORLD THROUGH HIS CHURCH.