

Conflict out of Control

1 Corinthians 6:1-8
(series #20)

Introduction to the message:

- 1) God's strange ways as illustrated in 2 Kings 5:1-14
- 2) Various ways people respond to conflict
 - a. Escape responses: denial, flight, suicide
 - b. Attack responses: litigation, assault, murder
 - c. Conciliation responses: overlooking offenses, discussion, negotiation, mediation, arbitration

- I. The Shocking Reality in Corinth v. 1
 - A. They were suing one another
 - B. They were doing this before unbelievers
- II. The Future Activity of Believers vv. 2-3
 - A. We will judge the world
 - B. We will judge angels
- III. The Conclusion Drawn Future Realities v. 4
 - A. It is foolish to go to unbelievers for adjudication
 - B. Believers have higher and nobler goals
 1. We want to see fairness and equity
 2. We want to see animosity avoided
 3. We want to see our Lord honored
- IV. The Rebuke of the Corinthians vv. 5-8
 - A. Is there no one wise in your midst? v. 5
 - B. You have already lost in the case vv. 6-7
 - C. You should be willing to be wronged vv. 7-8

Conclusion: What do our actions say to a lost, watching world?