Part I

Matthew 18:15   If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.

1.   **CONFLICT** is going to happen!

2.   When conflict occurs, **YOU GO**!

3.   Go **DIRECTLY** to the person **INVOLVED**.

James 1:19   My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry…

Six Keys to Unlock the Padlock of Conflict

Key 1:   COMMITMENT

1 Peter 3:8   Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.
Romans 12:18   If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Key 2:   COMMUNICATION

"I statements" = When you… I feel… Because… I would like…

Key 3:   RESPECT

Luke 6:31   Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Key 4:   HUMILITY

Key 5:   HARD WORK

Ephesians 4:1-3   As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3Make *every* effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Key 6:   PRAYER

Psalm 142:1-5   I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy. 2I pour out my complaint before him; before him I tell my trouble. 3When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who knows my way. In the path where I walk, men have hidden a snare for me. 4Look to my right and see; no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no one cares for my life. 5 I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

4.   The goal is *always* **RECONCILATION**

- Conflict is inevitable

- Resentment is optional

- Resolution is up to you

Bible Reading Plan
❑ Sun.: Matt. 12   ❑ Mon.: Matt. 13   ❑ Tues.: Matt. 14
❑Wed.: Matt. 15   ❑ Thurs.: Matt. 16   ❑ Fri.: Matt. 17
❑ Sat.: Matt. 18   ❑ Sunday: Matt. 19