

# **The Other Side**

## *The Other Side of an Enemy*

### **1. Confront your enemy**

Exodus 7:15<sup>16</sup> So go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes down to the river. Stand on the bank of the Nile and meet him there. Be sure to take along the staff that turned into a snake. <sup>16</sup> Then announce to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to tell you, “Let my people go, so they can worship me in the wilderness.” Until now, you have refused to listen to him. (NLT)

## **7 Principles of Biblical Confrontation**

### **1. You go to talk to the person**

Matthew 5:23<sup>25</sup> “So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

<sup>25</sup> “When you are on the way to court with your adversary, settle your differences quickly. Otherwise, your accuser may hand you over to the judge, who will hand you over to an officer, and you will be thrown into prison.” (NLT)

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### **2. You go talk to the person privately**

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### **3. Attack the problem, not the person**

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#### **4. Talk to the person with a heart of reconciliation**

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#### **5. When necessary, take somebody with you**

Matthew 18:16 “But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses.” (NLT)

#### **6. When necessary, take the matter to the church**

Matthew 18:17 “If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won’t accept the church’s decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.” (NLT)

#### **7. After you've done your part, move on and trust God**

### **2. Do what you know to do**

Exodus 14:56 When word reached the king of Egypt that the Israelites had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds. “What have we done, letting all those Israelite slaves get away?” they asked. <sup>6</sup> So Pharaoh harnessed his chariot and called up his troops. (NLT)

Exodus 14:2122 Then Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the LORD opened up a path through the water with a strong east wind. The wind blew all that night, turning the seabed into dry land. <sup>22</sup> So the people of Israel walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on each side! (NLT)

### **3. Turn your battle over to God**

Exodus 14:1314 But Moses told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the LORD rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. <sup>14</sup> The LORD himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.” (NLT)

Exodus 14:2325 Then the Egyptians—all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and charioteers—chased them into the middle of the sea. <sup>24</sup> But just before dawn the LORD looked down on the Egyptian army from the pillar of fire and cloud, and he threw their forces into total confusion. <sup>25</sup> He twisted their chariot wheels, making their chariots difficult to drive. “Let’s get out of here—away from these Israelites!” the Egyptians shouted. “The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt!” (NLT)

Psalms 18:3 I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies. (NIV)

Psalms 44:7 You are the one who gives us victory over our enemies; you disgrace those who hate us. (NLT)

Psalms 30:1 I will exalt you, LORD, for you rescued me. You refused to let my enemies triumph over me. (NLT)

Proverbs 20:22 Don't say, "I will get even for this wrong." Wait for the LORD to handle the matter. (NLT)

Romans 12:19 Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD.<sup>20</sup> Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads."<sup>21</sup> Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good. (NLT)