

Article Review #2

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### What is one concept that stood out to you in this article?

Conflicts are a part of man's journey in this life. It has woven itself in the church of God, because wherever people are, there are personality differences, as long as we are alive and breathing conflict will happen. This short online article lays out a few powerful concepts in resolving church conflicts which are very much biblical. One of the concepts the article alluded to as the first way in handling church conflict is to **Look to the Lord** first. This cemented the fact that in all our ways we should acknowledge the Lord and he will direct our path Prov. 3:5-6. This should be the most obvious but oftentimes it's not the case, people are quicker to react out of their emotions than anything else. The writers of the article, Ken Sande and Kevin Johnson pointed out that there are three possible responses to conflict in the church 1. escape, attack, or make peace. When we choose the latter we will grow in Christ when we choose to escape or get angry, we are responding in the flesh and we will not grow in Christ; but when we look to the Lord, we can take steps to making peace.

### What implications does this concept have for leading in the church?

I strongly believe only those believers who choose rather to respond in the flesh will suffer any form of implication, but generally this concept will help leadership first in leading the church back to resolving conflict Christ way, and one of his teachings on this is found in Matthew chapter 5.

### What needs to change in your life as a result?

I see the need to do better in resolving conflict well. Over the years, I have developed the habit of going to God first whenever there is a conflict especially within my family, however, I think there are times I had resentment and this article helped me to see what my

approach ought to be, and to always check the state of my heart. I see it clearer now, I understand it better now. I am to see Jesus and what he did on the cross for me first, he never hold any resentment in his heart towards me, I must do likewise with others.

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