

Reconciling Marital Crises



through Christian Conciliation



My marriage is in crisis...



What can I do now?

If marriage is ordained by God, why do over 30% of Christian marriages end in divorce? Why do so many couples fail to experience the joy God desires?

Where do people turn when they are faced with the conflict that tears at the very heart of their family?

Unlike secular mediation, Christian conciliation encourages forgiveness and promotes reconciliation, which helps preserve valuable relationships and strengthen the church (Eph. 4:29-32; Col. 3:12-17). Conciliation also helps people identify and deal with the root causes of conflict, including such things as pride, selfishness, fear, vengeance, greed, bitterness, or unforgiveness (Matt. 7:3-5). This "heart approach" helps individuals experience transformation through reconciliation (Eph. 4:1-3; 22-24).

Live at Peace Ministries is a non-profit organization committed to Gospel-centered counseling, conciliation, education and consulting



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Conflict is a reality in every marriage. Unresolved, conflict greatly damages the foundation of love and trust that marriage requires. Live at Peace is committed to biblical peacemaking by addressing root causes of conflict. Our experienced conciliators “get to the heart” of conflict and explore ways to work through issues by applying the power of the Gospel.

Conciliation Event

The conciliation event is often three to five days in length. Care is given to provide the safest and most effective environment to work through significant issues.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is central to our message and method in serving conflicted couples. **Scripture** provides powerful and effective principles that promotes reconciliation without costly legal or relational battles. Scripture is never used to manipulate or move people to a position. It is the living Word of God which directs individuals through the power of the Holy Spirit.

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?
James 4:1



Transformation through Reconciliation

All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.
2 Timothy 3:16

Our **Conciliation Process** is both intensive and comprehensive, it involves three key phases: 1) preparation, 2) the conciliation event, and 3) follow-up care.

Preparation

Before a conciliation process, preparation is essential for effective reconciliation. **Conflict coaching** provides an educational foundation for preparing parties to engage the hard work of reconciliation. Together, the parties and conciliator carefully study biblical principles that promote repentance, confession, and forgiveness. The client is guided through preparatory assignments designed to promote deep reflection.

During this event, trained conciliators use a unique **G.O.S.P.E.L.**¹ process to help parties address root issues, reconcile past hurts and offenses, reach agreement on material issues, and begin the process of restoring their relationship.

Follow-up Care

Following a conciliation event, a redemptive community helps couples restore their relationship more fully. We assist in developing a plan that helps restore trust, respect, and intimacy. The plan might include follow-up conciliation time, special educational events, individual and/or marriage counseling, and mentor couple support. We work in close partnership with the local church to provide support and accountability.

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