

Dealing With Sin in the Church

Matthew 18:15-19

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’

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17 If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

18 “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

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19 “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

The Rich and the Kingdom of God

Matthew 19:16-30

16 Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?”

17 “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.”

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18 “Which ones?” he inquired.

Jesus replied, “ ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, ¹⁹ honor your father and mother,’ and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’”

20 “All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?”

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21 Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

22 When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

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23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. **24** Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

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25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, “Who then can be saved?”

26 Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

27 Peter answered him, “We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?”

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28 Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

Peaceful Practices



Seeing to the
Heart of the Matter

Three Peace Objectives

1. **Articulate** our understanding of peace.
2. **Affirm** our calling to live as a people of peace.
- 3 **Equip** ourselves to be peacemakers.

The Pervasiveness of Conflict

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They *needed* each other,
But couldn't stop *needing* each other.

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*To dwell above, with saints we love,
That will be grace and glory;
To live below with saints we know —
Now that's another story!*

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Creation Commitments: Specific characteristics of how God *created* our world which inform our understanding of conflict and reconciliation.

1. God is present within each of us.

So God created mankind in his own image...

Gen. 1:27a

2. God created us with difference.

Male and female, He created them...

Gen. 1:27b

3. God gives us free will.

She took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it....

Gen. 3:6

The Pervasiveness of Conflict

Conflict is a natural part of our relationships.

Are the ways that I engage conflict and pursue peace accurate and true reflections of Jesus?

Seeing to the Heart of the Matter

Jesus calls His disciples to be proactive in pursuing peace.

Matthew 5:23-24

²³ Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. **First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.**

CONFLICT CYCLE



Seeing to the Heart of the Matter

Our human eyes fail to see what God sees.

1 Samuel 16:6–7

“When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. **People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”**

PEACEMAKER'S PERSPECTIVE IN CONFLICT

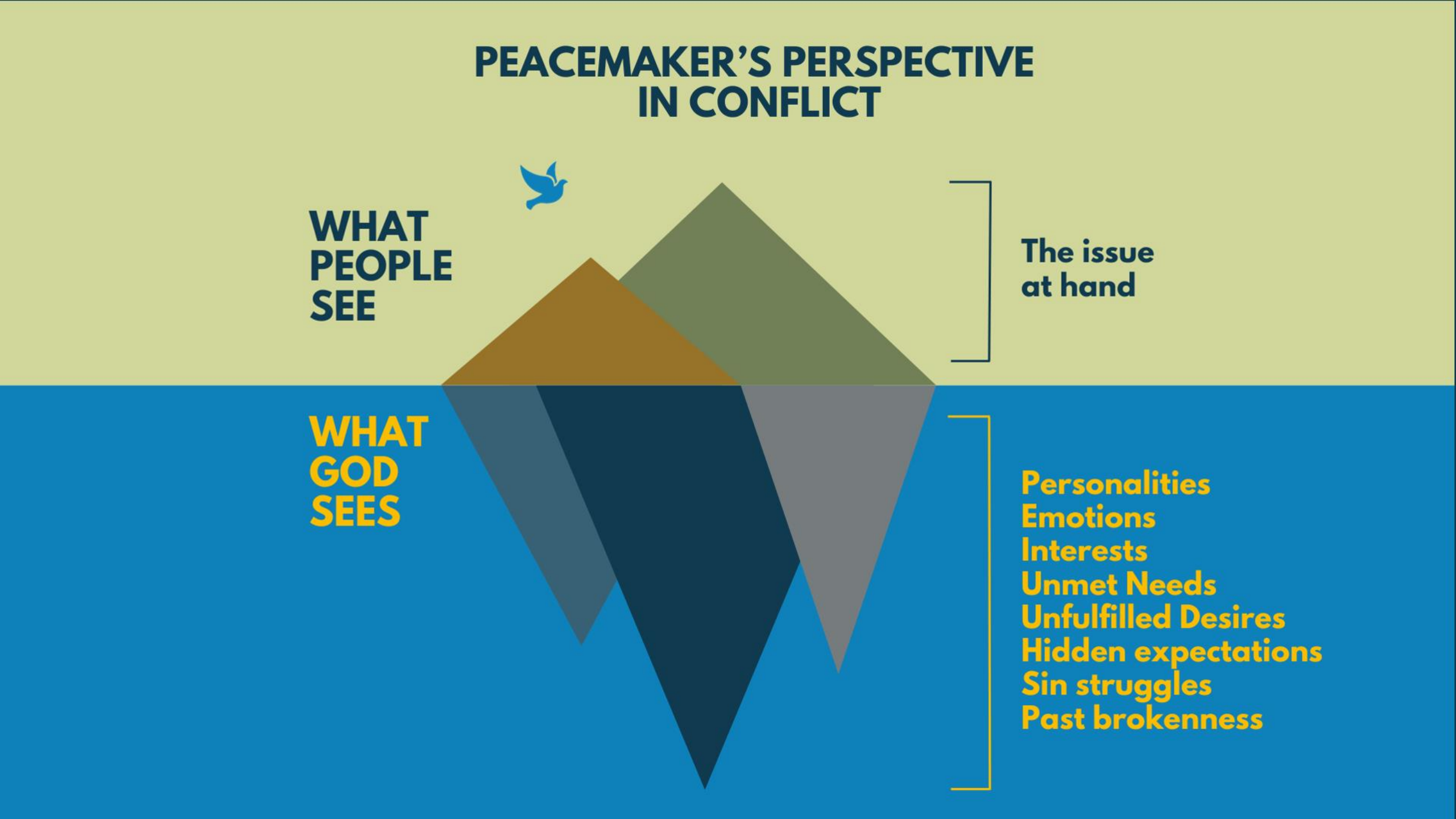


**WHAT
PEOPLE
SEE**

**The issue
at hand**

**WHAT
GOD
SEES**

**Personalities
Emotions
Interests
Unmet Needs
Unfulfilled Desires
Hidden expectations
Sin struggles
Past brokenness**



Seeing to the Heart of the Matter

Jesus shows us how to look at others (and ourselves) if our goal is peacemaking.

Full of **grace** and full of **truth**

John 1:14

Not to condemn but **to save**

John 12:47

Gentle and **humble** in heart

Matthew 11:29

The Heart of the Rich Young Ruler

Matthew 19:16-30



Peace without Repentance?

Matthew 18:15-19



