

Changing our Stance

HOW TO HAVE THAT DIFFICULT CONVERSATION (AND MAKE THE RELATIONSHIP BETTER)

A difficult conversation is _____ you find _____ to talk about

The Dilemma: _____ it or _____ it?

Benefits of _____

Preserves _____

1 John 4:7 (NLT) *Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.*

Provides _____

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT) *So encourage each other and build each other up*

Produces _____

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT) *God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.*

Delivering a Difficult _____ in a _____ Way

Ephesians 4:15 (NLT) *Instead, we will speak the truth in love...*

Luke 9:43-46 (NLT) *Awe gripped the people as they saw this majestic display of God's power. While everyone was marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, 44 "Listen to me and remember what I say. The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies." 45 But they didn't know what he meant. Its significance was hidden from them, so they couldn't understand it, and they were afraid to ask him about it. 46 Then his disciples began arguing about which of them was the greatest.*

In each _____ conversation there are really _____ conversations.

1. The " _____ " Conversation: what's the _____ here?

The Truth _____

Difficult conversations are not about what is _____, but about what is _____

The Intention _____

The Blame _____

2. The _____ Conversation: what should we do with our _____?

3. The _____ Conversation: what does this say about _____?

Anytime a conversation feels difficult, it's in part because it ___ about _____.

Proverbs 14:29 (NLT) *People with understanding control their anger; a hot temper shows great foolishness.*

Proverbs 18:2 (NLT) *Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions.*

To successfully engage in difficult conversations, we must change our stance from delivering _____ to having a _____ conversation.