

The “What Happened” Conversation

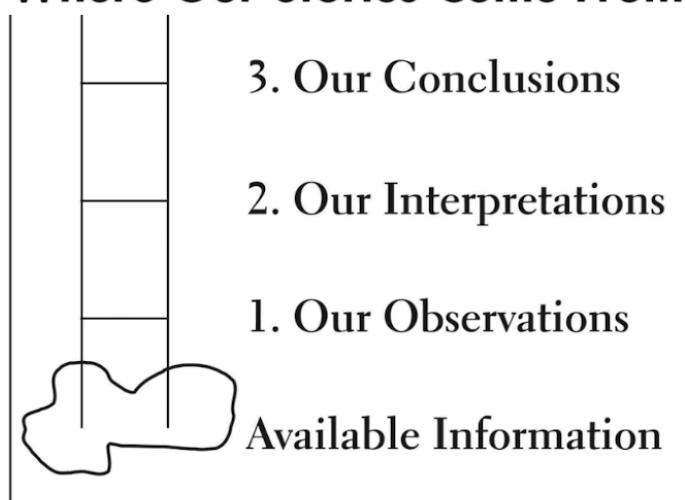
HOW TO HAVE THAT DIFFICULT CONVERSATION (AND MAKE THE RELATIONSHIP BETTER)

When there's a relational conflict, one of the first things we internally do is assign _____.

We assume we know their _____.

We assume our good intention erases bad _____.

Where Our Stories Come From



Conflict arises when _____ parts of our story collide with another person's story.

The “I don't _____” excuse

The “I already _____” excuse

The “It wasn't my _____” excuse

The healthiest, most mature person in the conflict is the one who should make the _____.

Romans 5:8 *While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Matthew 7:3-5 *“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.*

Focusing on blame is a bad idea because it inhibits our ability to _____ what’s really causing the problem and to do anything meaningful to _____ it.

Blame is about judging and looks back. _____ is about understanding and looks forward.

“Why do you look at the speck in their eye, but pay no attention to the beam in your own eye?”

Answer #1 - “_____ have a speck.”

Answer #2 - “_____ have a plank.”

Specks become like planks because they hinder _____.

“How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while there is still a beam in your own eye?”

_____ with your business, but it doesn’t end there.

Promise #1: Then you will see _____.

Following Jesus never stops with _____.

Promise #2: Then you’ll see clearly with a _____.

Romans 12:18 *If it is possible on your part, live at peace with everyone.*

“If we aren’t willing to do what we are convinced they should do, what does that make us?”

_____ draws people.

Promise #3:

Matthew 5:9 (NLT) *God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.*