

# When and How to Begin

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

James 1:5 (NLT) *If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.*

James 1:19 (NLT) *You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.*

James 3:17 (NLT) *But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.*

### Questions to ask

Is the real conflict \_\_\_\_\_?

Is there a better way to address the issue than \_\_\_\_\_ about it?

Do you have purposes that make \_\_\_\_\_?

Don't choose a \_\_\_\_\_ that is impossible to reach.

You can't \_\_\_\_\_

Don't just \_\_\_\_\_

Don't \_\_\_\_\_

### Letting Go Affirmations

It's not my responsibility to make things \_\_\_\_\_, only to do my \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 8:28 (NLT) *And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.*

They have \_\_\_\_\_, too.

This conflict is not \_\_\_\_\_.

Letting go doesn't mean I no longer \_\_\_\_\_.

## Why the way we begin doesn't work

We begin inside our \_\_\_\_\_

We trigger their \_\_\_\_\_ conversation

## Two steps to beginning well

1. Begin from the \_\_\_\_\_ Story

Think like a \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the \_\_\_\_\_

2. Extend an \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your \_\_\_\_\_

Invite, don't \_\_\_\_\_

Make them your \_\_\_\_\_

Be \_\_\_\_\_

## The different kinds of difficult conversations

Delivering \_\_\_\_\_

Making \_\_\_\_\_

Revisiting \_\_\_\_\_ conversations