MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- ➤ I will memorize **Matthew 18:15 (LB)**
- ➤ I will accept Christ for the first time or recommit my life to Christ
- ➤ I will join the New Life church family
- ➤ I will surrender my most important relationships to God
- ➤ I will attend the sermon series on Building Great Relationships

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SHIFTING GEARS IN THE NEW YEAR

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MEMORY VERSE:

"If a brother sins against you, go to him privately and confront him with his fault. If he listens and confesses it, you have won back a brother."

Matthew 18:15 (LB)

3 PREREQUISITES I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CONFLICT

| • CONFLICT IS |
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| • CONFLICT MUST FOCUS ON THE |
| NOT THE |
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| • CONFLICT CAN GOD. |

"Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone." Romans 12:17–18 (NLT)

TO EMBRACE GOD-HONORING CONFLICT...

| 1. I MUST ALWAYS LISTEN |
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| "Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry." James 1:19 (NLT) |
| 2. I MUST NEVER SPEAK OUT OF |
| "Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing." Proverbs 12:18 (NLT) |
| "A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare." Proverbs 15:1 (NLT) |
| 3. I MUST VALUE THE RELATIONSHIP OVER THE |
| "And "don't sin by letting anger control you. Don't let the sun go down while you are still |

angry." Ephesians 4:26 (NLT)

"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

4. I MUST SEEK A _____ COMPROMISE.

"Pride leads to conflict; those who take advice are wise." **Proverbs 13:10 (NLT)**

"Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too."

Philippians 2:4 (NLT)

5. I MUST SURRENDER THE

_____ TO GOD.

"Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you." Psalm 37:5 (NLT)

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." **Proverbs 3:5–6 (NLT)**

IT IS BETTER TO WIN THE ______
THEN TO WIN THE ARGUMENT.