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as we continue our  
sermon series  
*"Bridge Builders"*

There is a bridge across the chasm of all the problems you face. Come and learn how to walk across the bridge to the other side...to peace with your relationships and to peace with God.

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***Bridge-Builders – Sermon #7***  
***Building Bridges Of Peace In Your Family***  
***Mark 3:25***

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SCRIPTURE – **Mark 3:25 NIV** *If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.*

**1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ CAUSES OF CONFLICT.**

➤ The Bible says the root cause of conflict is \_\_\_\_\_.

SCRIPTURE – **James 4:1** *"Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from selfish desires that war within you."*

➤ Selfishness causes us to \_\_\_\_\_ with conflict in one of the following ways:

1. Conflict is never over until it goes *"My way"* – that means I fight until I win and you \_\_\_\_\_ in.
2. Conflict is never dealt with because you are a *"No way"* person – that is *"There's \_\_\_\_\_ Way you're getting me into a fight."*
3. Conflict never happens because I always give in to *"\_\_\_\_\_ way"* – I want your approval so badly that I roll over and become a doormat.

4. Conflict is dealt with by going "\_\_\_\_\_ Way" – that is where we compromise – we win some and we lose some.

- Conflict is resolved when we learn to find "\_\_\_\_\_ Way".

## 2. THE PATH OF \_\_\_\_\_ WISDOM WILL BLOW UP YOUR RELATIONSHIPS.

SCRIPTURE – **Proverbs 14:12** "There is a way that seems right to men and women. The problem is it winds up in disaster."

- Identifying the \_\_\_\_\_ down the path of conventional wisdom.
  1. Step #1 down the path of *conventional wisdom* is \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Step #2 down the path of *conventional wisdom* is \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Step #3 down the path of *conventional wisdom* is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The path of conventional wisdom leads to the disease of \_\_\_\_\_ of the heart.

## 3. BUILDING RELATIONAL BRIDGES REQUIRES TAKING THE ROAD \_\_\_\_\_ TRAVELED.

- Taking the road less traveled requires praying for God's \_\_\_\_\_ to the conflict.
- SCRIPTURE – **James 4:2** "You quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God."

- Taking the road less traveled requires \_\_\_\_\_ your contribution to the conflict.
- SCRIPTURE – **Matthew 7:3** "Why do you look at the speck in another's eye and pay no attention to the log in your own eye? Take the log out of your own eye first and you'll be able to see clearly."
- Taking the road less traveled requires considering the other person's \_\_\_\_\_.
- SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 2:4** "Look to each other's interest and not merely your own."
- Taking the road less traveled requires concentrating on \_\_\_\_\_ – not resolution.