



**Stormy Weather**  
Philippians 3:3-8; 4:14  
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**Bottom Line:** The climate improves when conflict is resolved, not ignored.

**Introduction:**

Today, we're going to talk about another significant climate shaper ... **conflict.**

Conflict can negatively infect or positively affect the climate of any relationship.

When we don't positively deal with conflict, the relationship flatlines and the emotions freeze up. This results in a stuck relationship.

**The climate of your relationships improves when conflict is resolved, not ignored.**

We think conflict is a sign that something or someone is wrong, but it just means you're human. Conflict is inevitable. Conflict is normal.

How you chose to deal with conflict makes all the difference.

"Never let \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation."

--Proverbs 3:3-4 NLT

**Conflict avoiders need to think: "I'd rather be bad at conflict than disloyal."**

**Conflict enjoyers need to think: "I'd want to hear as much as be heard."**

**Conclusion:**

Fight for that one relationship this week by showing loyalty and extending kindness as you attempt to resolve conflict.

**The climate of your relationship improves when conflict is resolved, not ignored.**

**NEXT STEPS:**

- ☐ **Memorize: Proverbs 3:3-4.**
- ☐ **Choose to Resolve Conflict.**
- ☐ **Fight for your relationships by showing loyalty.**
- ☐ **Fight for your relationships by extending kindness.**
- ☐ **Return next week for Climate Change-Part 4: A Lifetime Forecast.**

**NEXT WEEK– Climate Change: A lifetime Forecast**

Is your past perfect? Are your present circumstances exactly what you want them to be? Likely, the answer to one or both of those questions is no. The good news is that even if you can't change your past or your current circumstances, you can change something else. In this message, we'll explore the gift God offers that will drastically affect the climate you carry into your future.