

July & August memory passage: Psalm 19

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Series: Praying Through (09)
Title: Praying Through Conflict

Scripture: Psalm 35

## Resolve to Pray through your conflict.

- Conflict is SURE
- Conflict is STARTLING
- Conflict is UNSETTLING

Conflict is hardest when it is unjust and uncalled for. John 15:18-25 Jesus quotes Psalm 35 in John 15:25

## Truth 1: Conflict is an invitation to worship through prayer. (Psalm 35:1-10)

Conflicts are platforms upon which our Father God wants to prove how powerfully He fights for the glory of His name.

- a. Be honest
- b. Be vulnerable
- c. Be submissive
- d. Be teachable

## Prayer 1: Ask God to contend with those who contend with you. (Psalm 35:1-10)

a. Be specific and leave the fighting and results up to him.

## Truth 2: Answers don't come quickly. Don't lose heart by persevering in prayer! (Psalm 35:11-18)

Prayer 2: Ask God to keep your integrity amidst the injustice and bless those who persecute you. (Psalm 35:13-18, Rom. 12:14-21)

- a. Remember who your enemy is and who your enemy isn't. (Eph. 6:12 & John 10:10)
- b. Recognize the snares and strategy of the enemy! (1 Tim. 3:6-7; 2 Tim. 2:22-26, 2 Cor. 2:5-11)

Truth 3: Once we put our conflict in God's hands, God does not simply contend for us, He contends with us. (Psalm 35:19-28)

Prayer 3: Praise God for saving you and thank God for sustaining you. (Psalm 35:9-10, 18, 27-28)

- a. Jesus taught us to pray for God's Kingdom to come (Luke 11:2-4)
- b. Praying for God's Kingdom to come means people might be saved.
- c. Praying for God's Kingdom to come means God might destroy his enemies and execute justice.
- d. Praying for God's Kingdom to come means we love God's glory.