

“Love Is A Battlefield” Pat Benatar 1983
Song of Solomon 5:2-6:13

1. Conflict is real in every marriage.

“All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.” *Proverbs 14:23 (NIV)*

Two reasons we battle.

- a. You are different.
- b. You are sinful.

“He must increase, but I must decrease.” *John 3:30 (NASB)*

2. Conflict requires maturity and humility to navigate.

- a. Don’t _____ the conflict.

“You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and *show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life*, so that your prayers will not be hindered.” *1 Peter 3:7 (NASB)*

- b. Don’t make permanent _____ based on temporary _____.

“Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first;” *Revelation 2:5 (NASB)*

- c. Listen to the people who _____ you to Jesus.

Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory. *Proverbs 11:14 (NASB)*

- d. _____ the problem.

“A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” *Proverbs 15:1 (NASB)*

- e. Leave _____ for God to work.

- f. Learn to seek and extend _____.

“Put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.” *Colossians 3:12-14 (NASB)*