

Biblical References

Biblical Reference	Parties Involved	Nature of Conflict
Matthew 5:23-24	<i>Brother or Sister</i>	<i>Unspecified Grudge(s)</i>
Matthew 10:34-36	<i>Christian's Family</i>	<i>One believes, Others don't</i>
Matthew 16:22-23	<i>Jesus v Peter</i>	<i>Jesus' suffering and death</i>
Matthew 18:13	<i>Jesus v Disciples</i>	<i>Bring little children</i>
Matthew 18:16-18	<i>Church members</i>	<i>Unspecified, perhaps intense</i>
Matthew 20:24	<i>Jesus v Disciples</i>	<i>Jealousy over James and John</i>
Matthew 23:1ff	<i>Jesus v. Pharisees</i>	<i>Stubbornness to believe</i>
John 8:44	<i>Jesus v Pharisees</i>	<i>Jesus called Satanic</i>
Philippians 4:23-24	<i>Euodia v Syntyche</i>	<i>Interpersonal Conflict</i>
Acts 15:36-40	<i>Paul v Barnabas</i>	<i>Take/leave John Mark</i>
Galatians 1:10	<i>Paul v Galatians</i>	<i>Doubt Paul's Integrity/Authority</i>
Galatians 2:11	<i>Paul v Peter</i>	<i>Follow Jewish Rituals?</i>
Samuel 1:17	<i>David and Goliath</i>	<i>Resorting to violence ***</i>
2 Corinthians 5:19	<i>Jesus as Mediator</i>	<i>Restored Relationships ~~</i>
Micah 6:8 ##	<i>What does the Lord require of you?</i>	<i>Peace and Reconciliation</i>

*** The example of David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17) - an ancient way of resolving disputes, illustrating the point that resort to violence (physical or verbal) is still a

common solution in human behaviour. I then refer to the variety of New Testament examples where Jesus presses home the Gospel imperative to work for peace and reconciliation, eg, in turning the other cheek or reaching out to the enemy in the parable of the Good Samaritan, or in his description of the children of God as peacemakers in the Beatitudes

~~ Reference to our theological understanding of Jesus as our mediator before God. Paul's *Second Letter to Corinthians, Chapter 5 Verse 19* – God in Christ restoring his relationship with humanity and giving to us the ministry of restored relationships to tell others. This point can be developed in many different ways and can be used to encourage people to see the role of the local church as mediating the love of God as a power for restoring relationships in our communities.

Bearing in mind the theme for the Guild projects, Micah 6, Verse 8 – *What does the Lord require of you, to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God* – these injunctions can neatly be woven into one of the themes for this project which is the transformation of our congregations into communities of peace and reconciliation, where the love of kindness and the need to see justice prevail are fundamental *A Place for Hope*.