

▼ **Hidden Impressions and Abstract Language**

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- **Read the Passage: Matthew 18:15-18**

▼ **Purpose of the Sermon (what listeners should do)**

- Understand how to resolve conflicts.
- Understand the importance of forgiveness.
- Understand how to use concrete language to resolve conflicts.
- Understand the power of unrevealed impressions.

▼ **Understand how to resolve conflicts.**

- Step 1: Confront only the brother/sister who sinned against you.
- Step 2: Include 1 or 2 witnesses.
- Step 3: Tell the church.

▼ **Understand the importance of forgiveness.**

- Forgive like the Lord forgave you! - Matthew 18:19-35

▼ **Understand how to use concrete language to resolve conflicts.**

- Ladder of Abstraction (“Language In Action” by S. I. Hayakawa)

▼ **Understand the power of unrevealed impressions.**

▼ **Example**

- You don't know how to love!
- You don't love anyone!
- You don't love me!
- You always mistreat me!
- You mistreated me yesterday!
- When I walked in the room and you frowned, it hurt my feelings.

▼ **Discussion / Reflection Questions**

- Are you resolving your conflicts?
- Are you forgiving others?
- Do you use concrete language to resolve conflicts?
- Are you in bondage to unrevealed impressions?





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