

## I. The Perspective: How should we view one another in the midst of relational conflict? [1]

*“my brothers”*

*“whom I love”*

*“long for”*

*“my joy”*

*“crown”*

## II. The problem: Why do we have relational conflicts? [2]

A. Who were the people in conflict?

B. What was their conflict?

C. Why is there conflict?

James 4:2

## III. The process: How can we grow through relational conflicts? [2-3]

A. Reflect on how I have contributed towards the conflict [2]

B. Repent before God [2]

C. Reflect on how God has made the other person

D. Reconcile with one another [3]

*Plan the right time and right place*

*Speak with love and respect*

*Define the problem or issue of disagreement*

*Always work towards resolution*

E. Repent to the one you are in conflict with [2]

*Address - everyone involved (All those whom you affected)*

*Avoid - “if, but, always” (Do not excuse your wrongs or blame others)*

*Admit - specifically (Both attitudes and actions)*

*Acknowledge - the hurt (Express sorrow for hurting someone)*

*Accept - the consequences (Such as making restitution)*

*Alter - your behavior (Change your attitudes and actions)*

*Ask - for forgiveness [and allow time]*

*-Ken Sande, Peacemaker*

F. Resolve to love

1 Corinthians 13:5

## IV. The purpose: Why do we need to grow in relational conflicts? [3]