

F.I.G.H.T. – Principle “G”

EPHESIANS 4:1-16 (P. 815)

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INTERACTION • VIDEO • ROMANS 12:10 • GRACIOUS IS A CORNERSTONE

Review:

- **Figure it out** — *Before I fight, I'll do some figuring first.*
- **Inspect yourself** — *I'll deal with me before I deal with you.*

WHAT I'VE DONE, WHAT I REALLY WANT, WHAT STORIES I TELL MYSELF • PRAY

There's a moment in every conflict...

WHEN ALL THE GRACE LEAVES YOUR BODY / “PUSHED BUTTONS” “ALL I CAN TAKE” “GOT TO ME”

... when we choose **SILENCE** or **VIOLENCE**.

NATURAL THREAT RESPONSE // FEEL PUSHED INTO A CORNER, TRAPPED, HELPLESS // IT'S A LIE
YOU HAVE SIMPLY BEEN TRAINED TO FEEL TRAPPED • CREAMED SPINACH • DOES THIS DRESS...

However, there is always the possibility of being 100%

HONEST and also 100% **RESPECTFUL**.

THE BIBLE CALLS THIS SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

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verses 1-2 :: the power

THE CALLING (BACK TO 3:14-21) // A FAMILY INFUSED WITH POWER AND LOVE

ILL: IN THE BACK SEAT WHILE MY MOM DROVE TO THE MALL

If God's power gives me peace, humility, and patience in any area of my life,

I can claim the same things in **EVERY AREA** of my life.

GOD'S POWER, BUT MY EFFORT

verses 3-6 :: the calling

NOTHING GETS MORE OF MY ENERGY THAN MAINTAINING REAL PEACE // CONFLICT TAKES ENERGY
BECAUSE GOD IS SUPREME ONE... (X-ANS WITH X-ANS) & (X-ANS WITH NON-X-ANS)

I have to deal with **CONFLICT**.

I'm always able to be **GRACIOUS**.

I CAN'T BE SILENT, AND I NEVER NEED TO BE VIOLENT.

verses 7-16 :: the result

GIFTS TO EVERYONE // GIFTS TO BUILD THE BODY // DIFFERENT ROLES

BUT IT'S ALL SUMMARIZED BY SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

When God's gifts are unleashed by different people speaking the

TRUTH in **LOVE**, everyone **WINS**.

WE CAN'T GROW UNLESS WE ARE UNIFIED. I'M SPEAKING TRUTH TO YOU AND YOU TO ME... IN LOVE!

EACH PERSON HAS SOMETHING TO OFFER AND SOMETHING TO RECEIVE.

Principle “G” — Graciously Get it **ALL OUT**.

GET IT OUT OF ME, AND OUT OF YOU // WHAT I DON'T WANT TO SAY, WHAT I DON'T WANT TO HEAR

GOD GIVES ME GREAT POWER AND YOU GREAT GIFTS

WHAT IF THEY GO TO SILENCE OR VIOLENCE? NEXT WEEK

All my truth and all God's love is all

you're gonna **GET** from **ME**.

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