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Conflict Resolution

Conflict

Two choices
- Understand, forgive, compromise
- Invitation to dialogue: “Let’s talk.”

Growth
Maturity

Hurt Feelings

Two choices
- Choose to face the conflict

Anger

Two choices
- Flee
- Fight
  - demand; put down; denigrate in order to win
- Escalates conflict
- Escalates isolation

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withdraw; let the problem fester
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He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
Psalm 103:8-13

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

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