



“Conquering Congregational Conflict:

**Pursuing & Achieving
Reconciliation & Restoration”**

**A First Missionary Baptist Church
Bible Study Lesson
January 28, 2026**

The Lesson Aim.....

- How to Resolve Conflict Biblically**
- Encourage Engagement**
- Nurture a Spirit of Reconciliation**
- Experience the Blessings of Reconciliation**



Descriptives of Conflict

- **Quarrels** (open clash, battle, dispute between opposing forces) – James 4:1
- **Wars/Fights** (Battles, Combat) – James 4:1
- **Divisions** (tear, split, division of groups into opposing forces) – I Cor. 1:10
- **Strife** (bitter conflict; heated often violent dissension) – I Cor. 3:3





Conflict in the Church

**But I, brothers,^[a] could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³ for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴ For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?
-1 Corinthians 3:1-4**



Conflict in the Church

I appeal to you, brothers,^[a] by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, - I Corinthians 1:10-14



Conflict in the Church

When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? ² Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? ³ Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! ⁴ So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church?

- I Corinthians 6:1-4



The Uncomfortable Process of Reconciliation

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed^[a] in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

- St. Matthew 18:15-19



The Uncomfortable Process of Reconciliation

“If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”

- St. Matthew 18:15-19

“But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. ¹⁰ As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, ¹¹ knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.”

-Titus 3:9-11



The Promise of His Presence

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

- St. Matthew 18:20

“When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus”

-I Corinthians 5:4

The Godly Garments

- Heart of Compassion
- Kindness
- Meekness
- Longsuffering
- Humility
- Love





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Focus: Christian Relationships

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A Culture of Love

“When the Body of Christ faithfully practices the Love of Christ, it REDUCES the probability of Conflict and RESOLVES the inevitability of Conflict.”

-CDW



Interaction & Engagement

“We often respond to others and deal with others in an inappropriate manner based on how others treat us, but we must know who we are and let our character remain intact for the goal of spiritual integrity and the glory of God. As we interact and engage one another, we must remember our character is to be one of control, fortitude, and endurance.”



His Divine Design

“Based on what God has done through Jesus Christ for the believer, it brings a demand upon us to act in accordance with who we are in Christ. What he has done for us should be greatly considered! It is Paul who addresses the practical life of believers in chapters 3-4 of Colossians in the context of our relationships with one another.”



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“Love for Fellow Christians”

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

-Galatians 6:10





Overview

Give a brief overview of what you'll cover in your presentation.



History

Make a timeline of the important historical events or list historical contributions made by people of African heritage.

1st Event

Date

Description

2nd Event

Date

Description

3rd Event

Date

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4th Event

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5th Event

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6th Event

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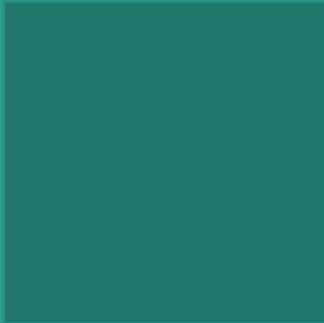
Interesting facts

List some interesting facts about Black History Month. Here are a few examples:

- In 1926, Carter G. Woodson launched a weeklong celebration of black history in the United States.
- In 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognizes Black History Month.
- Black History Month is also celebrated by Canada, Ireland, The Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

Key people

Choose three leaders for Black History Month using [Bing.com](https://www.bing.com) and discuss their lives and accomplishments. Here are some examples:



Bayard Rustin was a close advisor to Martin Luther King and an American leader of the civil rights movement. Rustin organized and led several protests, including the 1963 March on Washington.



Jesse Owens was an American track and field athlete and four-time gold medalist in the 1936 Olympic Games in Germany. Owens specialized in the sprints and the long jump.

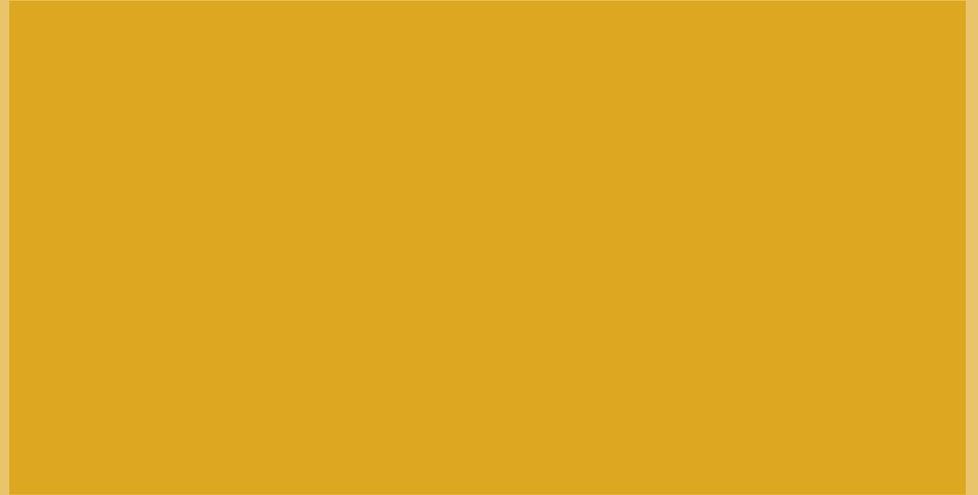


Zora Neale Hurston was an American author, anthropologist, and filmmaker. In 1937, she published her famous novel, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.

Arts and literature

Provide examples of art and literature that are significant to Black History Month. Here are a few examples:

- The writing of James Baldwin
- The music of Miles Davis
- The artwork of Alma Thomas



How to celebrate

List some ways you can celebrate Black History Month.
Here are a few examples:

- Discover **African American artists**
- Read **African American authors**
- Listen to **African American musicians**
- Learn important moments of **African American history**



Conclusion

Provide a brief summary of your presentation.
Remind the audience what you covered in the previous slides.

Questions & answers

Invite questions from the audience





Resources

List the resources you used for your research:

- Source #1
- Source #2
- Source #3