

EMPTY YOUR SUITCASE
PART 4 OF 4 SERIES: LOST BAGGAGE
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Text: Matthew 18:12-17

- **The Baggage of Unresolved Conflict**
- **How Do You Resolve Conflict when Offended?**

1. _____ ADMIT THE ISSUE

If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. Matthew 18:15

A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense. Proverbs 19:11

2. _____ ASSESS THE SITUATION

What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. Matthew 18:12-13

3. _____ APPROACH THE PERSON INVOLVED

"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. Matthew 18:15 (ESV)

4. _____ APPLY THE EFFORT TO RECONCILE

But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. Matthew 18:16-17

Yet do not regard them as an enemy, but warn them as you would a fellow believer. 2 Thessalonians 3:15