

HE STILL ROLLS AWAY STONES

THE STONE OF CONFLICT

Introduction:

- Please turn in your Bibles to Genesis 32, as we continue with Week 3 of our series, *"He Still Rolls Away Stones"*.
- Week 1: The Stone of Death – Mark 16
- Week 2: The Stone of Guilt and Shame – Luke 15
- Week 3: The Stone of Conflict – Genesis 32-33

Conflict #1: Birthrights and Betrayal (Genesis 25:29-34)

Conflict #2: Blessings and Curses (Genesis 27-29)

_____ : Rolling Away the Stone of Conflict (Genesis 32-33)

- Understanding Forgiveness and Reconciliation:
 - **Forgiveness:** Is choosing to not hold the offense against them anymore.

◦ As forgiven people, we're commanded to forgive continually, like God does; and we're told that He will forgive us the way we forgive others. (Mark 11:25; Matthew 6:14-15)

- **Reconciliation:** Is when relationships are healed; when 2 broken parties come together to mend what's been broken.

◦ God expects us to pursue reconciliation. (Romans 12:18-21; Matthew 5:22-25)

1. Approach with attitudes of _____ and _____. (Genesis 32:3-5)

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God"
(Matthew 5:9)

2. Depend on God through _____. (32:9-12)

Reconciliation isn't just hard work, it's heart work, and God's amazing at changing hearts.

3. Pursue _____. (32:13-16)

Restitution is costly, but fair, and helps pave the way for restoration.

4. Be _____. (32:16-21)

It takes time for emotional and relational swelling to go down.

5. Be quick to _____. (33:4)

Offer forgiveness quickly and freely, with no strings attached.

6. Celebrate _____. (33:19-20)

Everyone should be able to acknowledge that this is done and over with.

Conclusion:

- _____ – be the first to do your part.
- _____ on God to do His part.