

Thought for the day - Friday 29th July 2022

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Conflict.

Conflicts is common in many human relationships.

Conflict as in the case of Russia and Ukraine, in Nations and in families.

Throughout Jesus' time in Jerusalem to the time of his death, his experiences have been characterized by conflict.

The leadership is hostile to Jesus because his interpretation of the law turns their understanding of the law on its head.

Jesus' main opponents as in the Gospel are the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Scribes, the chief priests and so on.

The Pharisees criticizes Jesus for not keeping the law but keeping company with sinners. Jesus in return called them hypocrites who betrayed the heritage of the Jewish prophets and accused them of having their priorities wrong. They in return accused Jesus of taking the authority of being God and claiming that he can forgive sins. The Pharisees conflicted with the Sadducees on several issues including the resurrection of the dead. Conflicts remains part of human relationship, but with prayer, meditation and with the help of the Holy Spirit we can begin to resolve them, however Jesus emphasizes the sovereignty of God over humanity.

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, help us through following your example, and by the power of the Holy Spirit to be forgiving, loyal and dependable amid difficult circumstances. Amen.

Bible passage: [Mark 12:28 – 34](#)