

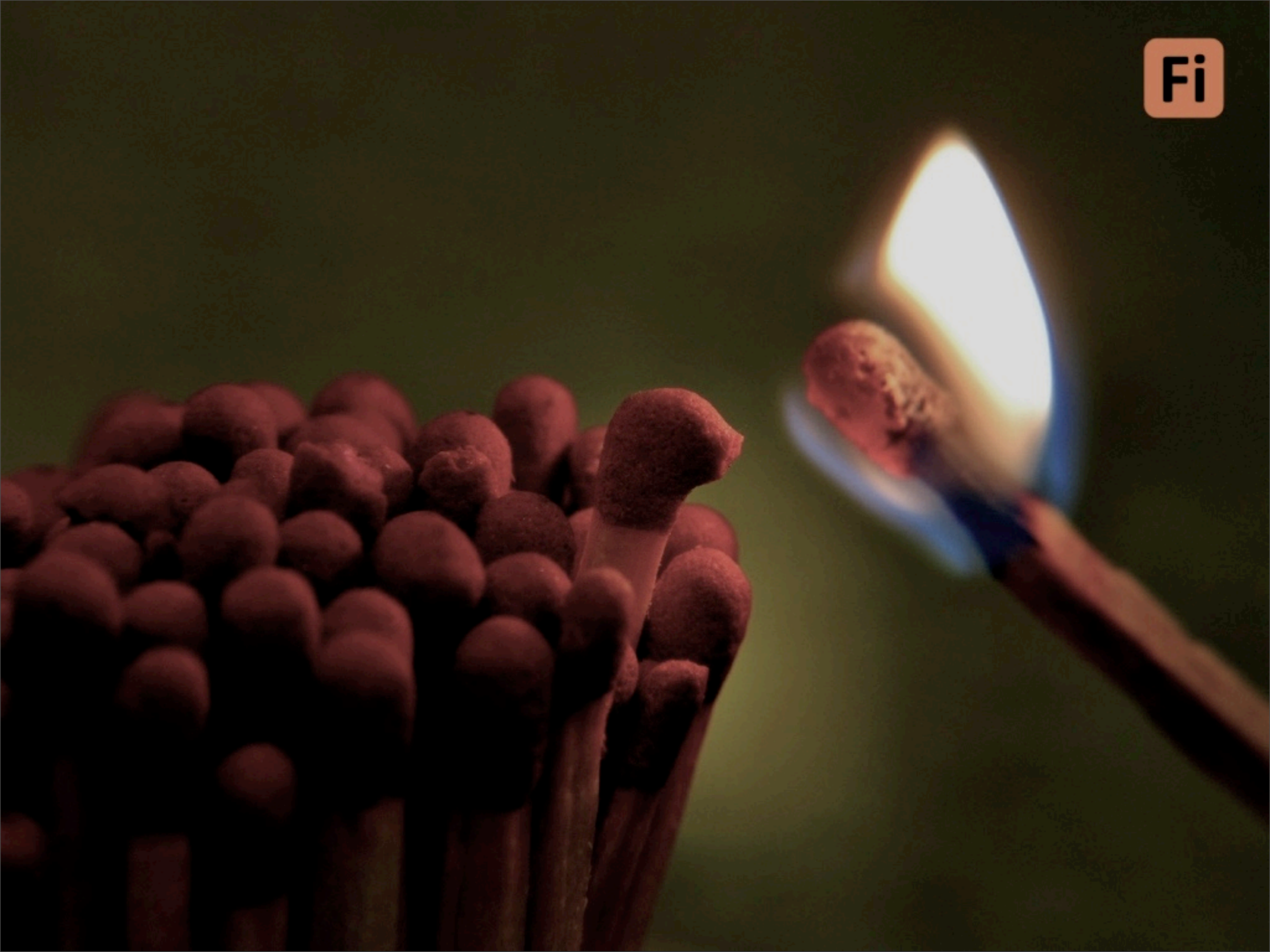


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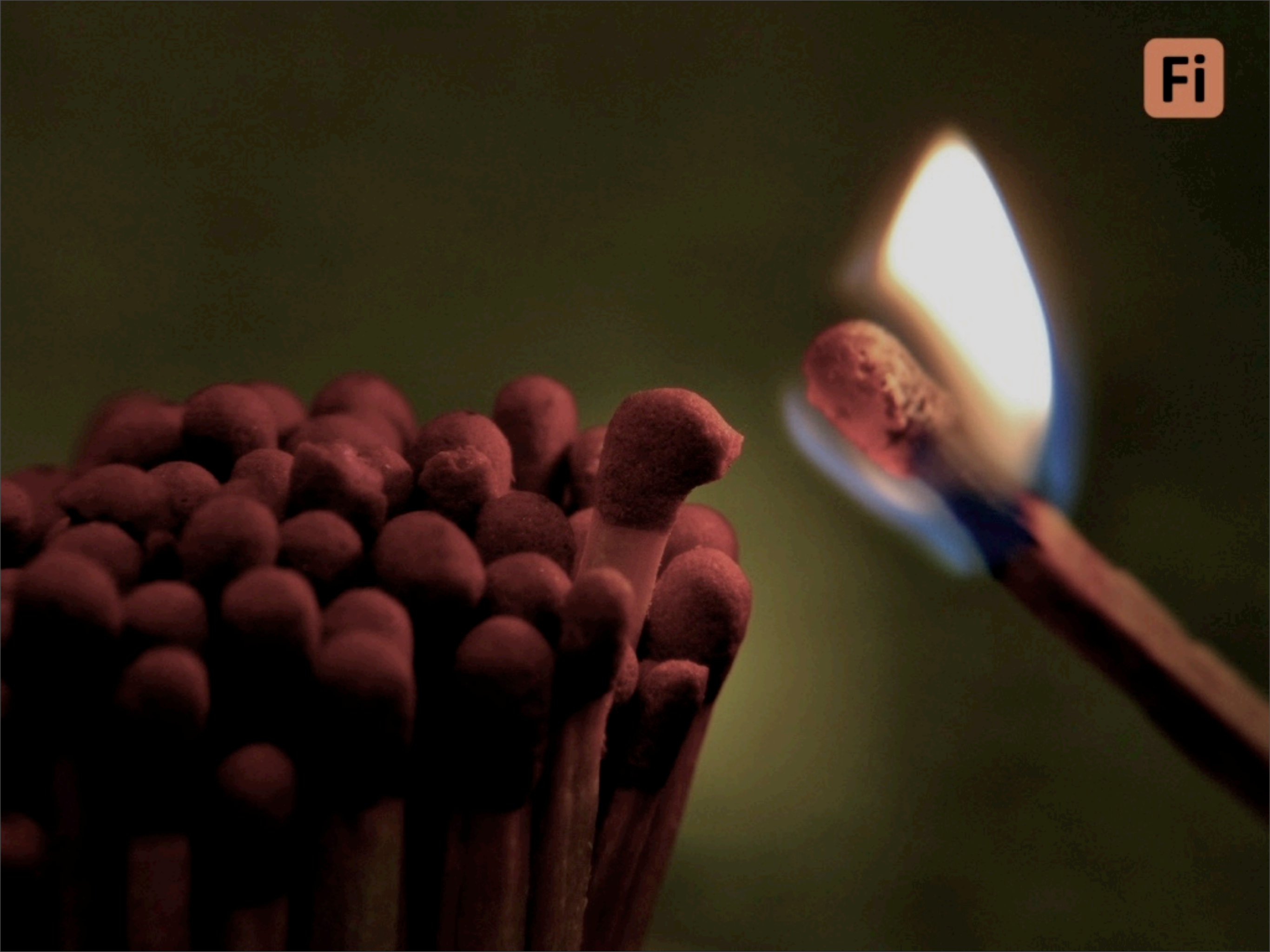


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conflict stems from
differing beliefs



beliefs are always
personal



disagreement is conflict,
an attack on my identity



for that part of me to live,
that part of you must die



for that part of you to die,
you must die



Conflict...

tears the fabric of the

Holy Spirit

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

Ephesians 4:3–5

For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

1 Corinthians 12:13

And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he



Conflict...

violates the heart cry
of Jesus

"My prayer is not for them alone.
I pray also for those who will
believe in me through their
message, that all of them may be
one, Father, just as you are in me
and I am in you. May they also be
in us so that the world may
believe that you have sent me.

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

A close-up photograph of a matchbox. The matchsticks are dark brown with red heads. One matchstick on the right is lit, with a bright yellow and orange flame. The background is dark and out of focus.

Conflict...
kills our witness



By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:35

A lit matchstick is the central focus, with a bright, glowing flame. The background is dark, and in the foreground, there is a cluster of small, round, reddish-brown objects, possibly seeds or small fruits, which are slightly out of focus. The overall mood is warm and symbolic.

Agreement.... “realizes” Jesus



I plead with Euodia and I plead
with Syntyche to agree with each
other in the Lord.

Philippians 4:2

If you have any encouragement
from being united with Christ, if
any comfort from his love, if any
fellowship with the Spirit, if any
tenderness and compassion,
then make my joy complete by
being like-minded, having the
same love, being one in spirit

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ



Agreement...

defeats divisions not
differences

I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers, some from Chloe's household

What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul?

1 Corinthians 1:10–13

In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it.

No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval.

1 Corinthians 11:18–19

The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of a matchbox. The matchsticks are dark brown with red heads, and one matchstick on the right is lit, with a bright yellow and orange flame. The lighting is dramatic, with the flame being the primary light source, casting a warm glow on the surrounding matchsticks.

Agreement....
defeats the devil

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

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...whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven... Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

The Office





1. You initiate
reconciliation.

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.



2. Work gently the steps of restoration.

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony

“If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.”

Matthew 18:15–17

Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently

in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

2 Timothy 2:23–26



3. Find the higher
answer.

If any of you has a dispute with another, dare he take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the saints? Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases?

How much more the things of this life! Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, appoint as judges even men of little account in the church! I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute




But instead, one brother goes to law against another—--and this in front of unbelievers!

1 Corinthians 6:1–6

Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.

They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted



Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.

Acts 15:37–40

My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.)

Colossians 4:10



Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

2 Timothy 4:11



4. Let the little things
go.

Therefore judge nothing before
the appointed time; wait till the
Lord comes. He will bring to light
what is hidden in darkness and
will expose the motives of men's
hearts....

I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, "Do not go beyond what is written."

1 Corinthians 4:3–7

Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Romans 14:4



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