



"Have we done something to upset the neighbors?"

From *Blessing to Conflict to Blessing*  
Joshua 22:10-34  
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### **Getting a handle on what happened.**

1. A time of blessing. (1-9)
2. A time of conflict. (10-30; see also Leviticus 17:8-9; Deuteronomy 13:12-18)
3. A time of blessing. (31-34)

### **Getting a handle on God's truth for us.**

1. Take the truth seriously.  
(10-20, 21-23; see also Leviticus 17:8-9; Deuteronomy 5:28-29, 33; 8:6; 13:12-18; Galatians 1:6-9; 2 John 1:10-11)
2. Don't rush to judgment.  
(10-12; 15-16; see also Deuteronomy 17:1-7; 19:15-21; 2 Corinthians 12:19 – 13:3)
3. Be committed to resolving issues.  
(13-30; see also Leviticus 19:17; Matthew 5:23-26; 7:1-5; 18:15-18; Luke 17:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; Galatians 1:6-9; 6:1; Ephesians 4:29-32; James 4:1-10; 2 John 1:10-11)
4. Celebrate God's goodness of restoring unity.  
(31-34; see also Psalm 133:1-3; Romans 15:5-7; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Ephesians 4:1-6; Philippians 2:1-4)

## In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

**Monday.** Read Joshua 22:1-34 to review Israel's journey from blessing to conflict and back to blessing. One truth from their experience is to make sure we take truth seriously. Check the Scripture references listed on this. What happens when people do not take truth seriously? What happens when people take every point of doctrine as *a hill to die on*? Are there truths which you do not give enough importance? Are there others you elevate too highly?

**Tuesday.** We learn how to avoid and end conflict from Israel's initial rush to judgment. Read 22:10-20 and list the reasons and faults of the rush to judgment by the tribes west of the Jordan. You may have been on both the giving and receiving end of a rush to judgment. What does this incident (both sides of it) teach to help you in future situations?

**Wednesday.** A third lesson for conflicts from Joshua 22 is to be committed to resolving issues. How did both the western and eastern tribes demonstrate this? Be specific. Are there conflicts you let go that you should have tried to resolve? Are there other conflicts you should have let go that you kept pursuing? How do you, how should you decide?

**Thursday.** Another lesson for our conflicts is to celebrate God's goodness in restoring unity. Israel did that. In fact, we should celebrate ongoing unity, not just restored unity. Read Psalm 133. Think about the unity you enjoy with believers. How can you, how will you celebrate that unity today?

**Friday–Saturday.** Sunday we continue in Joshua with *Remember*, from chapter 23 verses 1-16. Read and think through this section as you prepare for our time of worship together.