



**COMMUNITY
IS WORTH
FIGHTING FOR**

*Jesus' 7 Steps to Resolving Conflict,
according to Matthew 18:15*

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EVERYBODY'S
NORMAL
TILL YOU GET
to KNOW THEM



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“Communities need tensions if they are to grow and deepen. Tensions come from conflicts.... A tension or difficulty can signal the approach of a new grace of God. But it has to be looked at wisely and humanly.”

Jean Vanier



“I wish my mom didn’t yell at me so much.”



Jesus' Seven Steps for Resolving Conflict

Matthew 18:15

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go privately and show them their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.”

Matthew 18:15

“如果你的弟兄得罪了你，你要找個機會跟他單獨在一起，指出他的錯處。如果他肯接受勸告，你就得了一位弟兄。” 馬太18:15



Step 1. Acknowledge Conflict

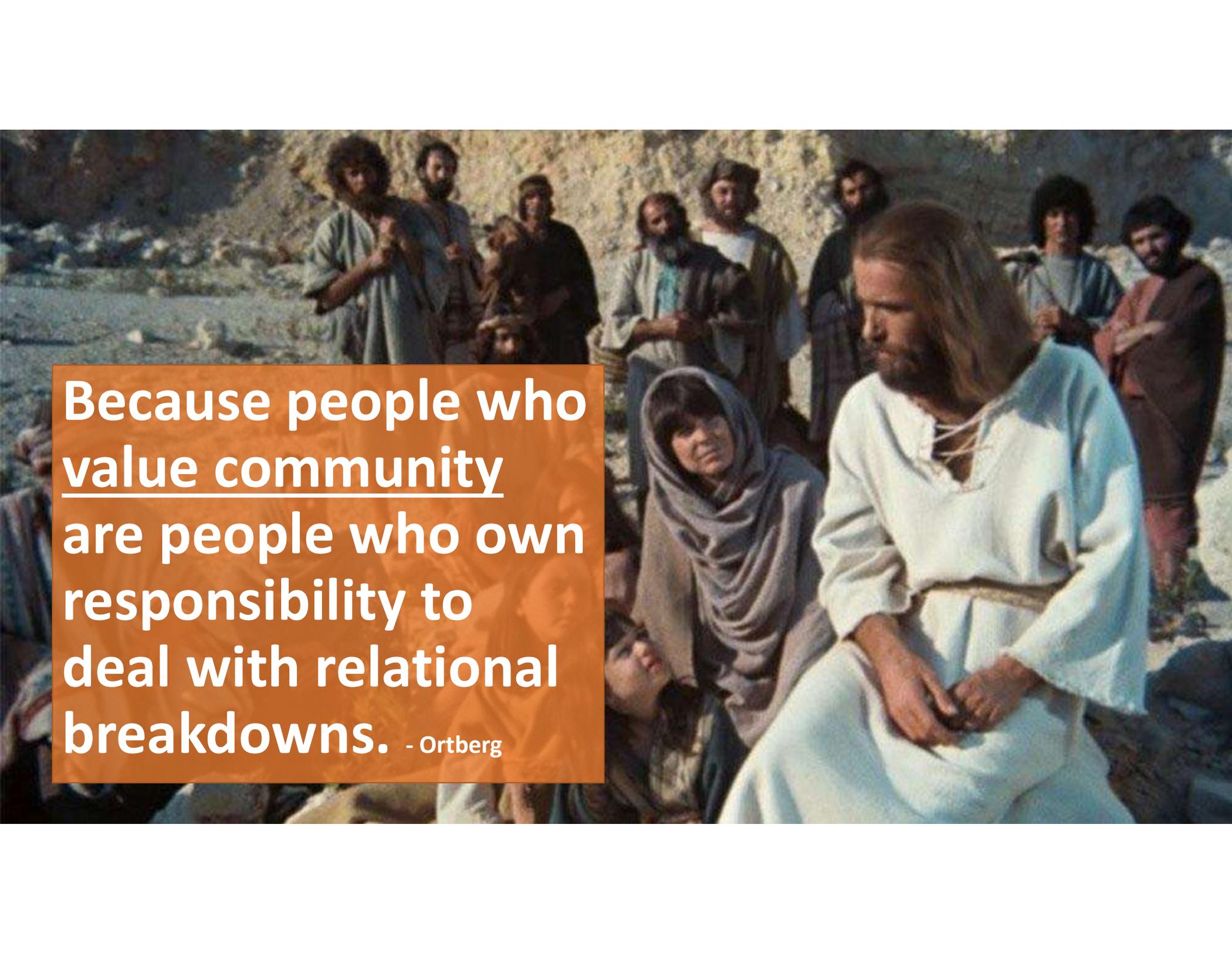
“If there is a conflict...”
如果你的弟兄得罪了你



*Step 2. I must own **responsibility**.*

“you... 你”



A scene from a religious film, likely depicting Jesus with a group of people in a rocky, outdoor setting. Jesus is in the foreground, wearing a white robe, looking down. A woman in a grey headscarf is kneeling in front of him. Other people are standing in the background, some looking towards Jesus. The scene is set in a rocky, outdoor environment.

Because people who value community are people who own responsibility to deal with relational breakdowns. - Ortberg



Go 你要去

Step 3. Approach, don't **avoid**, the person you are in **conflict** with.

***Avoidance kills
community.***

***Avoidance causes
resentment to
fester inside you.***

- Ortberg



Anger is physiological arousal. More adrenaline is secreted, more sugar is released, your heart beats faster, your blood pressure rises, your pupils open wide. Anger is a form of power. It is a signal that something needs your attention. It prepares you to act.

- Ortberg



Anger is like a smoke detector: It's very good to have one. When it buzzes, it signals that something needs to be fixed.





Internal or
External
problem?



Oh! I'm
so mad!

The Jim Carry Effect

***Cool Down....
Go for a walk.
Go to the Gym.
Listen to some music.***



I could be wrong...

可能是我的錯



WHY AM I ANGRY?

Anger is not a primary emotion. It is virtually always the result of a mixture of other emotions, such as hurt, frustration, or fear. (Ortberg, 134)



Once people get to a certain level of anger, their only focus is to win an argument or to inflict pain or to get away. (Ortberg, 135)



Certain thoughts lead to anger. People who have trouble managing anger are people who habitually tend to think hostile, cynical thoughts about others. (Ortberg, 135)





OUR THINKING PROCESS

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

(Phil. 4:8)



What's Your Problem?!





Step 4. "No Third Parties"

Go to the person...
你要找個機會跟他

**Conflict is inevitable.
Resentment is optional.**

(Ortberg, 138)



5. “Use Sensitivity”

In private
跟他單獨在一起



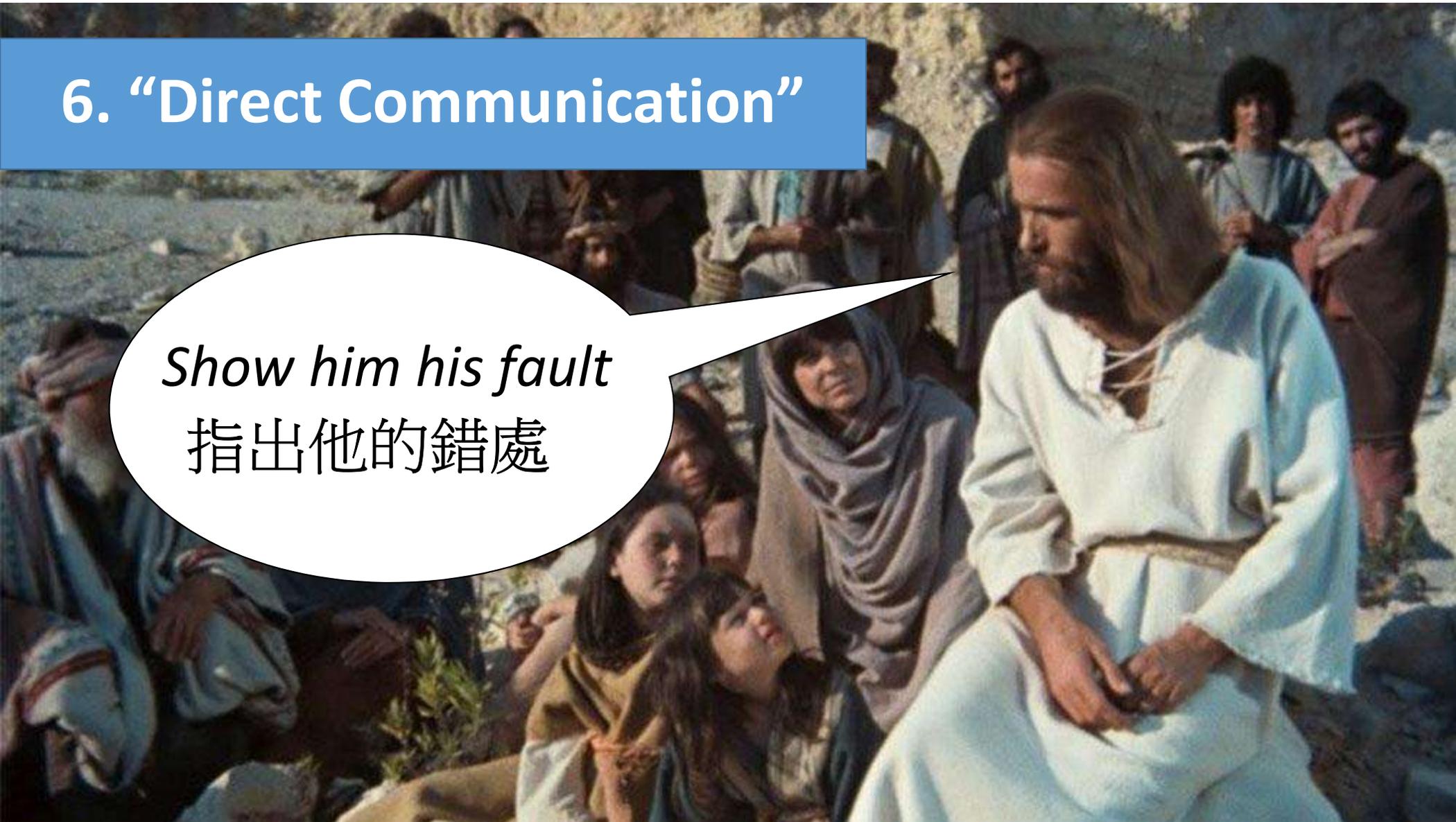
THE GOLDEN RULE

The simplest guideline is to approach the other people the way you would want to be approached in their place. (Ortberg, 141-142)



6. “Direct Communication”

Show him his fault
指出他的錯處



7. Aim at Reconciliation

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