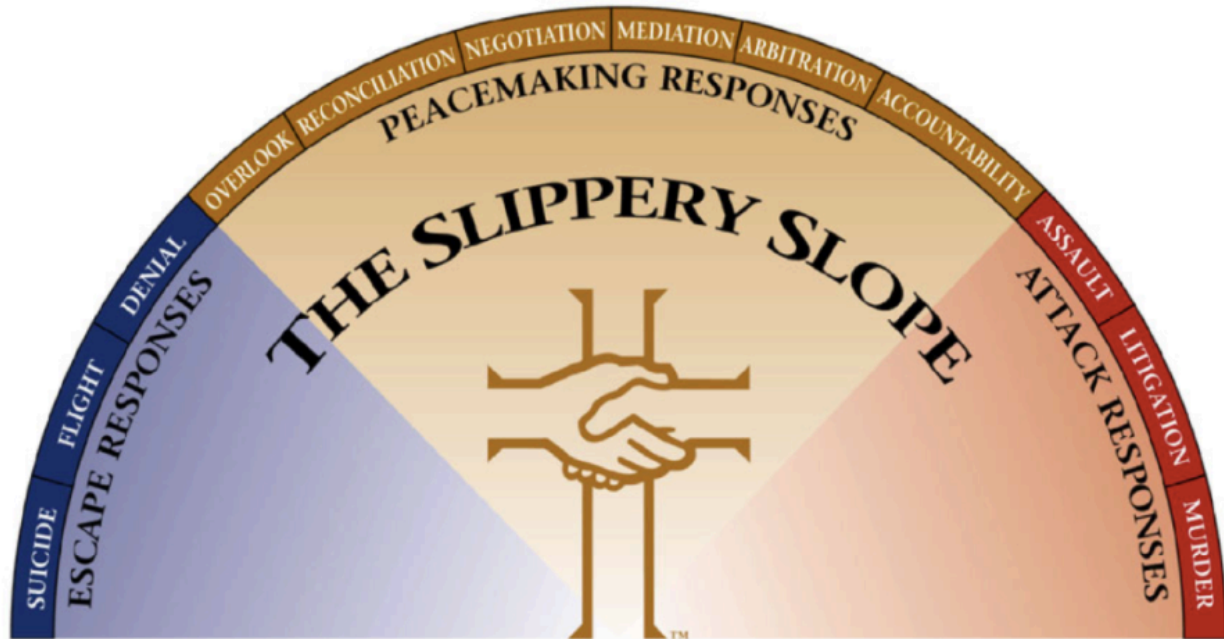


Peacemaking

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

Responses to Conflict



← The Slippery Slope →

Escape responses (peace faking)	Peacemaking responses	Attack responses (peace breaking)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denial • Flight • Suicide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overlook (Prov 19:11) • Reconciliation (Matt 5:23-24) • Negotiation (Phil 2:3-4) • Mediation (Matt 18:16) • Arbitration (1 Cor 6:1-8) • Accountability (Matt 18:17-20) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assault • Litigation • Murder

Interesting Trends – Compare and Contrast

- As you move clockwise, the response goes from private to public.
- As you move clockwise, the response goes from voluntary to forced.
- Responses on either extreme result in greater loss.
- Responses on either extreme result in greater cost (time, money, effort, relationships, clear conscience).
- Responses on either extreme result in death.
- Responses on either extreme avoid dealing with the cause of the conflict.
- Litigation is often nothing more than professionally assisted denial and attack.
- Escape responses focus on "me". Attack responses focus on "you". Peacemaking responses focus on "us".
- Escape responses try to make things look OK, even when they are not.
- Attack responses are willing to sacrifice peace for the sake of winning (get your way).
- Peacemaking responses produce the most profitable outcome (time/energy is worth it, spiritually).
- Peacemaking responses seek true justice and harmony (reconciliation).
- Escape and Attack responses result in KYRG (kiss your relationship good-bye).