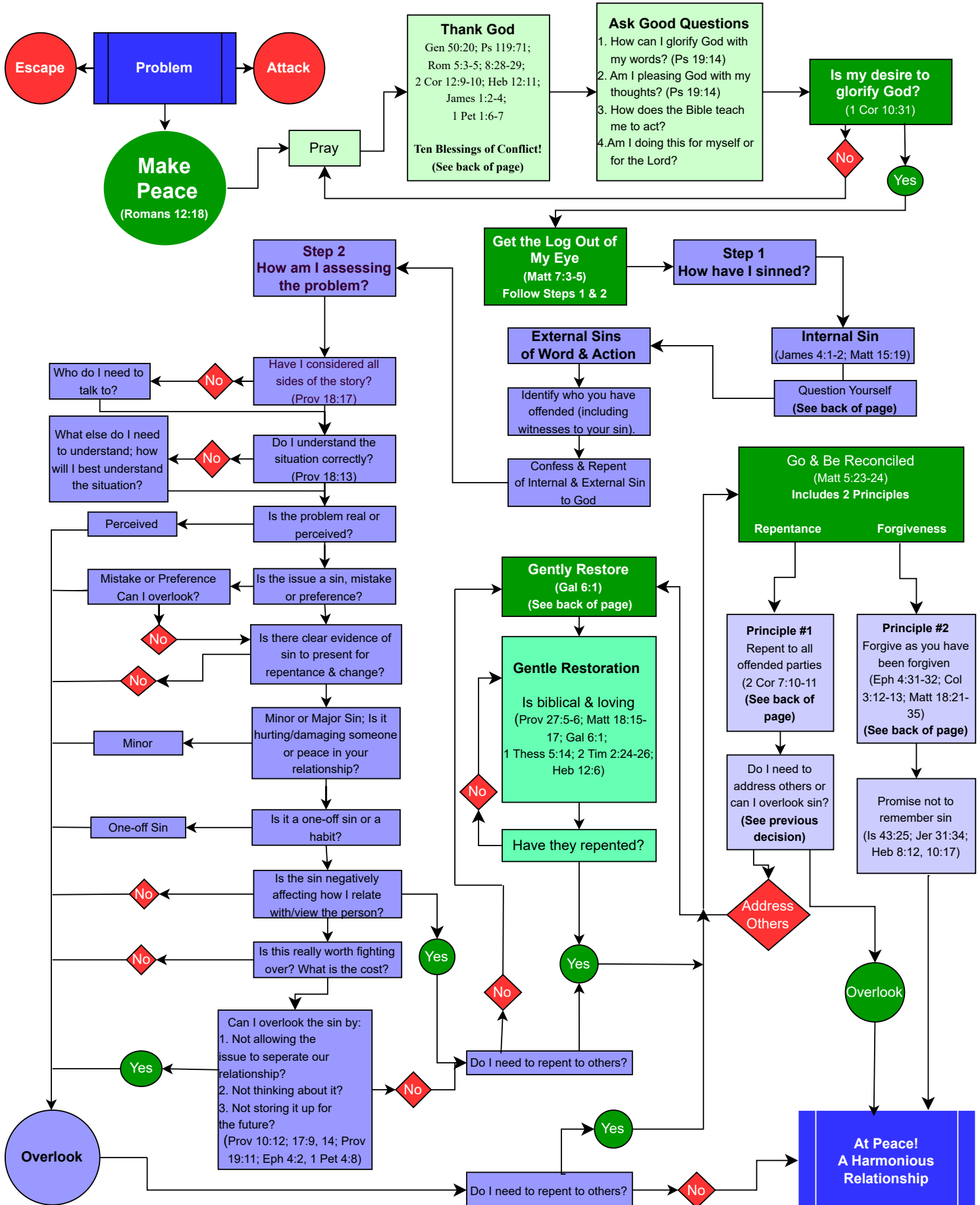


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Glorify God

Get the Log Out of My Eye

Gentle Restoration

Go & Be Reconciled

Thank God

Gen 50:20; Ps 119:71; Rom 4:3-5, 8:28-29; 2 Cor 12:9-10; Heb 12:11; James 1:2-4; 1 Pet 1:6-7

Ten Blessings of Conflict!

1. Shares the Gospel
2. Sanctifies Us
3. Sharpens Us
4. Showcases Creativity
5. Solidifies Relationships
6. Strengthens Unity
7. Seeks God in Prayer
8. Shows our Weaknesses (so we will depend on and glorify God)
9. Sympathy with Others
10. Set our Hope on Eternity (where there will be no conflict)

Questions to Ask Yourself

1. What do I want so much, I am willing to sin to get it or stop from losing it?
2. What is my strongest desire in this moment? The glory of God or something else?
3. Why am I acting this way?
4. What am I worried or fearful about?
5. If only... (fill in the blank)..., then I would be happy & fulfilled.

Ten Steps of Restoration

1. **Pray**
2. **Carefully involve others to help**
3. **Consider what & how to say it**
4. **Provide specific examples of sin**
5. **Keep meeting private & personal (Matt 18:15)**
6. **Present suggestions to help the other person grow or make things right**
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8. **Remember God's grace to you and ooze His grace onto others**
9. **If no repentance, proceed to Step 2 of church discipline (Matt 18)**
10. **Still no reconciliation, apply Steps 3 & 4 of discipline (Matt 18:17)**

Repentance

A change of mind leading to changed action (2 Cor 7:10-11)

1. Name & acknowledge the sin
2. Do not blame anyone/anything for your sin;
3. Consider changes or restitution;
4. Specifically ask forgiveness from those you offended (starting with God)

Practical Application of Forgiveness

1. Pray
2. **Choose** to forgive (remember, it is an act of will, not an emotion)
3. Put on godly thinking (Phil 4:8)
4. Put on good deeds (Luke 6:27-28)

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