

“Conflict”

English sub-titles to Episode 4 - Exit 316

So here we are again among people.
Today we will be talking about...
What are you doing?
Today we are going to talk about conflict.
You don't know what it's about?
Well, just join us and watch this man closely.
I think we picked the right one.

Exit 316 News from Earth
Conflict

Well, this was unbelievable. I would never imagine something like that.
That was a human conflict.
It's pretty common among people, I guess.
Do you mean that this is happening every day?
It's because of the complexity of the human creation, its mind, body, spirit and soul.
There are probably an infinite number of conflicts and the same number of solutions.
Well, at home, we have no idea about such a thing.
Conflicts between people usually start with misunderstandings, misconceptions, differences of opinions or attitudes.
Right, I would like to know how people generally react to conflicts like this.
I think it depends...I mean it depends on their situations.
But I'm sure they have different ideas about how to solve problems and conflicts.
Or they don't solve them at all and then it can be dangerous.
The tension grows and grows...
And then it can become a ... time bomb.
What?
I'm telling you...a time bomb.
Calm down Tina, it's just an illustration.
I know but...
Come on my little angel...
You don't trust me, do you?
No.
Well, let's have a look.

On the street interviews - “How do you deal with conflicts?”

- I try to talk with people and come to an agreement. I think it's always better than to have a fight.

- I think you shouldn't deal with conflicts through fights or arguments, but rather talk about them and be reasonable.
- When it's not possible to talk it out, I start to speak louder. But I mostly work it out diplomatically or back off.
- You shouldn't solve it with a conflict but with peace in your soul. But you should try to solve it for sure. It doesn't help to ignore it or to be silent.
- I think everyone should fight for what he thinks. If he knows that he's right and the other person's not, he should fight for it.
- I am a calm person. So I try to work things out without violence, if possible.
- If you're fighting for your cause and you know that it's worth winning, then you have to stand for your opinion.

“Is it wise to back off?”

- So, first I give a warning, of course. But then sometimes you cannot handle the situation calmly anymore, so physical conflict is inevitable.
- Well, I usually try to run away rather than being punched.
- There is a saying, “The wiser person steps back, the more stupid runs away.”
- Yeah, I know a saying, ‘If someone throws stones at you, throw bread at them.’ I'm a believer so I sometimes do it like that, and sometimes I don't. But yes, it's possible; it's wiser to back off.
- Well, if someone backs off and then he acts according to someone else's wrong opinion, he will eventually find out that it was a mistake, and that he should have done it his way.

Wow! What an explosion!

Yes, that's how it can end.

And it's your fault!

What do you mean my fault?

It was your idea to explain with an illustration.

Well, if you're not able to explain it properly.

What am I not able to explain?

The tension of course.

And of course you know how to do it in such a great way!

Huh, better than nothing Tina!

Are you trying to tick me off?
Thanks Tina ...

Now, you have seen a reconstruction of a human argument,
which was triggered by something small
and it almost became an insolvable problem.
Almost insolvable ...
A conflict on one hand can be a matter of a sudden reaction.
On the other hand, it can be much more complex.

Testimony (David Riman)

It all began at school. I was running a lot.
I loved sports, and was good at all sports,
Except for maybe throwing a cricket ball.

[title: Two-time Karate Champion of the Czech Republic]

And I started to think about doing a sport and becoming good at it.
I really liked racing cars, so I thought I could do that.
But like every boy I had my heroes in fighting movies.
I had a hero like that, his name was Bolojong,
and he was this huge Chinese man.
Everybody was afraid of him; he was kind of a hero,
but also a negative hero, misunderstood by people around.
I really liked this guy.
This gave me the motivation to start looking for karate lessons.

I had some problems at school.
There were some guys who tried to bully me.
One day they tried to pick a fight with me.
After gym class, a big guy came to me,
I was pretty small in those days,
and he told me, "Dave, I'm going to wait for you after school,
and then I'm going to beat you up."
I stayed at school as long as I could.
Then a janitor kicked me out.
There was a group of kids waiting for me outside.
They brought me to this guy, he was already stretching and getting ready.
And when they threw me in, he started to wave his fists,
and I knocked him down with one punch.
There was silence.
And nobody knew what to do.
So I earned some praise that day, but it didn't last for long.
It lasted about a week, because then there was another guy waiting for me.
And that went on and on until finally one boy really beat me up.

So I started to do karate and they finally left me alone.

(Dialogue between the angels)

Christopher, have you known David for a long time?

Well, I've known him for a long time; he has known me for about 15 years.

But what's most important is he's a laid back person.

He's kind.

He wouldn't hurt a fly.

And his problems with others?

He's trying to deal with them a little bit differently.

(David Riman continues)

I think that conflict itself is not bad,
because there are a lot of conflicts between people.

The problem is when you keep it inside,
then it's not very positive for you.

But if you get the problem out on the table, it can be resolved,
and both sides can be satisfied.

You can even realize some new things and learn from them.

The question is, how are you going to deal with the conflict?

I don't think violence is the best way to do it.

(Commentary by angel)

What an angel! Eternally gracious!

But I would like to know if David was ever forced to use his karate skills against someone.

(David Riman continues)

I was telling myself, 'God, I don't want to get into a situation
where I would have to fight and eventually hurt someone.'

One example is when a man started to bother me, my wife and her sister.

It was at a train station in Ostrava.

He started to touch them and I got really angry.

The man was drunk; I thought I should just beat him up.

But at this very moment I just couldn't move,
and I thought, 'What's going on?'

I simply couldn't do anything.

It was quite funny because my wife told him,

"Look, we're Christians so if you mess with us,
you're messing with God, and that is very dangerous."

And this guy – it was an interesting reaction – in the middle of his aggression,
he suddenly turned, started to mumble something,
dropped a few nasty words, and then left really quickly.

(VIP opinion)

I think that young people are looking for their place in life.

[Daniel Landa – singer]

And it is often the reason they get into tough situations and conflict between people.
When I was looking for my place in life, there was a lot of tension.

I was very prone to conflicts.

On the other hand I think that if I had had a strong upbringing from my father
and would have worked with my father – he was a blacksmith...

If I had learned from my father in his shop how to forge iron, I think I wouldn't have
been so prone to conflicts...

I think that the reason why people today tend to fight so much is partially caused by a
breakdown of values.

We have not been able to preserve strong values and that's why this young generation is
so radical. I think it's more of an issue of modern history.

Conflict makes sense if it leads to something,

If it has some reason.

But if there is no such goal, like saving a person or
fixing a situation,
it leads nowhere.

If the purpose of the conflict is just the conflict itself,
then for me, from my point of view, such a conflict doesn't bring any benefit and it is
better to just save your energy.

(The song)

With hopelessness of slaves
he's hiding the bonds.

A free citizen
is looking to the ground.

It's still burning
the bloody scar.

The eyes are opening
with difficulties.

Captured by prejudice,
love fades.

We're looking for differences
instead of unity.

Our self-weight
is dragging us down again.

There are so many sad eyes
in our country.

Seeking the enemy
we're building up barricades.

We're blaming the others,
being so pure ourselves.

What are we willing to give out
for our friends?

Who are they?
We're not sure.
The clown is a king and the king is a clown.
Whistling is wafting through a boring hall.
And so the pride is ruling the mass, we're not living.
We're lingering on. We'll have a fight here again.
The lion has become a dog on a leash.
He's drooling, waiting for the prize from the winners.
Everything is O.K.
in our surroundings.
Under a warm blanket,
it's easy to sleep.
What hurts others,
doesn't hurt us.
And of the roses
only thorns remain.

We can learn something through conflict.
[Mirek Slaby, The leader of the Teen Challenge Centre in Ostrava]
We can find out how we react and we can grow a lot.
For most of us conflict is a completely natural situation in our life.
The question is how do we deal with it?
We can deal with it through war or in peace and love.

Conflicts come up when I don't want to listen to the other person,
when I don't want to accept his opinion.
One solution is to escalate the conflict – war, unrest, or problems.
The other way would be a sensitive confrontation, and then it's not a conflict anymore,
it is rather a discussion, a dialogue between people.

If I think that it is better to have a fight, then I don't bring peace.
And if I decide to keep it inside me, it will blow up one day anyway.
I know a better way that I learned in a program called 'Teen Challenge.'
"The more I ask, the more I learn. The more I listen, the more I learn."
I learned something amazing; it's called 'Face to Face.'
We live with people who have different opinions; they have their own way of thinking,
and they are sure that something else is true.
I've learned that if I don't like something or if I have a problem with someone,
then I talk to him and ask him, and of course, without fighting but in love,
because I've learned to accept that person in spite of the different opinion he has.

Jesus says in God's Word, in the gospels,
to do to others as you would have them do to you.
This world is full of reactions of other people, reactions that are not kind and reasonable.
They ... they gossip and criticize. In my opinion, it is a testimony if I can offer something
different, if I can offer love;

I want to respect and treat other people well and this helps them treat me this way, too.

(Dialogue between the angels)

I think I can understand people a little bit better now.

But it's still strange;

People are strange, so we can't expect miracles from them.

But I still have hope for them. Maybe someday they will come to understand that conflict is unnecessary.

Yes, but in this world it will take a long time for them to realize this.

Anyway, we would like to know from you who are watching us

if you know which human conflict was the first ever recorded in the Bible.

You can send your answers to our e-mail address. Exit316@ceskatelevize.cz

The first three correct answers will be rewarded.

For Exit 316

Christopher and Tina.