

RESPONSE TO HURTS

Which WAY will you choose?

MY WAY - NATURAL

(Response doesn't Need Grace)

How could this have happened?

Selfish (Pride) - To be Served

Anger and Fear – can feed and fester hurt

James 1:19-20 (*unproductive way*)

--**my** reputation --**my** rights

--**my** schedule --**my** space

--**my** needs --**my** expectations

Attacks others, not the problem

"I am god"

GOD'S WAY - SUPERNATURAL

(Response Needs Grace)

How can I use these hurts to God's glory?

Selfless (Humility) - To Serve

Anger and Fear – should drive to God's Word

Eph 5:1-2; Rom 3:21-26; Col 3:1-2 (*productive*)

--**His** righteousness --**His** plan

--**His** glory --**His** solution

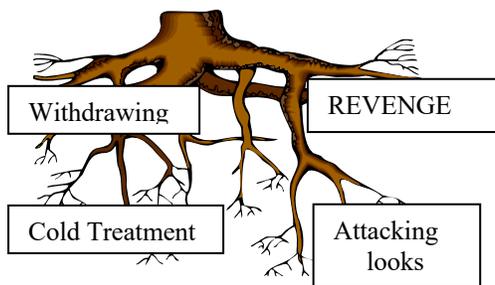
--**His** reputation --**His** worthiness

Attacks the problem, not the person

Keeps God in rightful place

BITTERNESS

Heb 12:15 - All the hurts on the root



KINDNESS, TENDERNESS, FORGIVENESS

Ephesians 4:1-3; 32

Colossians 3:12-14

Proverbs 17:9; 28:26

- Be tender-hearted

- Forgive in the same way *AS Christ forgives you*

- Address your own heart

STUBBORNNESS

Insubordination, Passive Aggressive

I Samuel 15:24-25 (Saul); Prov 28:13-14

-Partial obedience

-Deceitful to others and self

-Harden heart brings calamity

-Unyielding (Prov 18:19)

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1 Pt 2:19-23; Phil 2:3-4; Eph 5:21; Jms 3:13

Did not revile in return; Submit to God

Willing to yield; meekness of wisdom

- Jesus is our example

- Christ paid, so let his blood cover it!

- God will hold account, so entrust it to Him

REBELLION

Psalms 68:6 (dwell in a parched land)

-My way

-They will pay (revenge)

-I don't care

OBEDIENT

Joseph - "*God meant it for good*" Gen 50:19-20

Caleb - "*fully followed the Lord*" Num 14:24

Mary - "*Let it be to me according to your word:*" Lk 1:38

Embraced own will - not even partial obedience

Embraced God's will - despite fears and uncertainties

HEARTACHE and CONFUSION

James 3 and 4

JOY and PEACE

John 15- *Abides in Christ*

**Even if you have responded "My Way" at any point, you are not stuck. Through confession, repentance and asking for God's help, you can choose to start responding God's way.