

# Decompression Curriculum

## Lesson 5

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Complete this top section and then answer the questions below in the space provided. If you need more space, please use a separate sheet of paper. Attach this page to the front of your assignment when you turn it in.

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**Introduction:** Nobody likes to be wrong. Yet, we all know that we're not all right, all the time, right? So, what's the big deal about being confronted about mistakes or poor choices? Do we want to continue making mistakes and poor choices that impact others and ourselves negatively? If we set aside the "natural" resistance from pride and arrogance (both agents of fear), we likely will find that the bulk of the problem is in the delivery, not just the reception. Confrontation is an art and science. The military teaches its leaders to strategize so as to reduce risk of life and limb and secure victorious outcomes. Soldiers in Christ strategize and bring a secret weapon to the battle: love.

Often those being confronted are scared that the one approaching them is trying to control them or punish them for their mistakes and/or poor choices. Without God's perfect love, the one seeking to confront, may fear rejection or not being heard. Defenses can go up from one side or the other and the atmosphere heats up leading to a "right or wrong" debate with no winners. When yielded to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, we find that a spirit of humility guided by Godly love will always result in the protection of covenant relationship.

**Discussion 1:** Done right, confrontation should yield invaluable life changing answers that the person being confronted discovers through asking themselves what their problem is, how to fix it and then doing the right thing. Those asking the questions need to be sure to empower others through great loving questions.

**Drill Down 1:**

- What are the questions we should have tattooed on our wrists to strategically direct a successful confrontation?

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- What is the Kingdom purpose of confrontation?

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**From the video presentation, please fill in the blanks statements below:  
What are the boundaries of confrontation?**

1. I'm not here to \_\_\_\_\_ you.
2. I'm here to \_\_\_\_\_ you, which \_\_\_\_\_ you to change and become even more \_\_\_\_\_!

### **Drill Down 3:**

- Consider the last two people you had a “confrontation” with and share how application of the tools above would’ve changed the process and outcomes.

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**Post Class Instructions:** Instead of treating this lesson as just another intellectual exercise, seek out ways to apply this material to your pursuit and development of healthy relationships.