

March 9, 2025

Edward Church

Dealing With Sandpaper People Pt 1

Philippians 2:3-4



How Many Know People Who...
...Remind You of This?



A hand is shown reaching out from the bottom left, with fingers slightly spread, touching a green chalkboard. The chalkboard has a wooden frame and shows some faint, diagonal chalk lines. The background is a solid green color.

How Many Know People Who... ...Remind You of This?

We All Have Them...

...in Our

- **Past**
- **Present**
- **Future**

Can't Always Avoid...

..but Can Learn How to Handle





- All of Us Can Be Grumpy & Difficult to Deal With
- From Time to Time We Will...
 - ...Encounter Folks Who Behave in the Same Way, or Worse
- When You to Deal With Sandpaper People (And You Will)...
 - ...The Following Tips Should Help:

**Sandpaper People Come in Two
Categories Difficult and Toxic**

First Things First

Sandpaper People Come in Two Categories Difficult and Toxic

Difficult

- **Believe They Are Right**
- **Have a Hard Time...**
 ...Listening to Others
- **Calloused to Their Ways**
- **Hard to Change**
- **Usually Don't Know**
- **Can Turn Toxic**

Toxic

Sandpaper People Come in Two Categories Difficult and Toxic

Difficult

- **Believe They Are Right**
- **Have a Hard Time...**
...Listening to Others
- **Calloused to Their Ways**
- **Hard to Change**
- **Usually Don't Know**
- **Can Turn Toxic**

Toxic

- **Believe They Are Right**
- **Have a Hard Time...**
...Listening to Others
- **Controlling in Their Ways**
- **Seek to Change You**
- **They Know**
- **Are Also Difficult**

Sandpaper People Come in Two Categories Difficult and Toxic

Difficult

- **Believe They Are Right**

Toxic

- **Believe They Are Right**

Proverbs 14:12 (AMP)

There is a way which seems right to a man *and* appears straight before him, but at the end of it is the way of death

- **Usually Don't Know**
- **Can Turn Toxic**

- **They Know**
- **Are Also Difficult**

WHEN PEOPLE HURT YOU
OVER AND OVER,
THINK OF THEM AS
SANDPAPER.
THEY SCRATCH AND HURT
YOU, BUT IN THE END
YOU ARE
POLISHED,
AND THEY ARE ALL USED UP.

www.spirituallythinking.blogspot.com



WHEN PEOPLE HURT YOU
OVER AND OVER,
THINK OF THEM AS
SANDPAPER.
THEY SCRATCH AND HURT
YOU, BUT IN THE END
YOU ARE
POLISHED
AND THEY ARE ALL USED UP.

www.spirituallythinking.blogspot.com

Realize
Sandpaper People Are a Part of Life
You Can't Always Avoid them
If You Don't Deal w- Them Correctly
They Will Sap Your Energy
Weigh You Down
But Dealt With Correctly
Both Will Be Bettered

Do Make Sure You're Not the One Sanding



Do Make Sure You're Not the One Sanding



The Problems May Have Their Origin Within Your Own Heart
• **If So, Fix Yourself First**

Philippians 2:3-4

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Do Make Sure You're Not the One Sanding

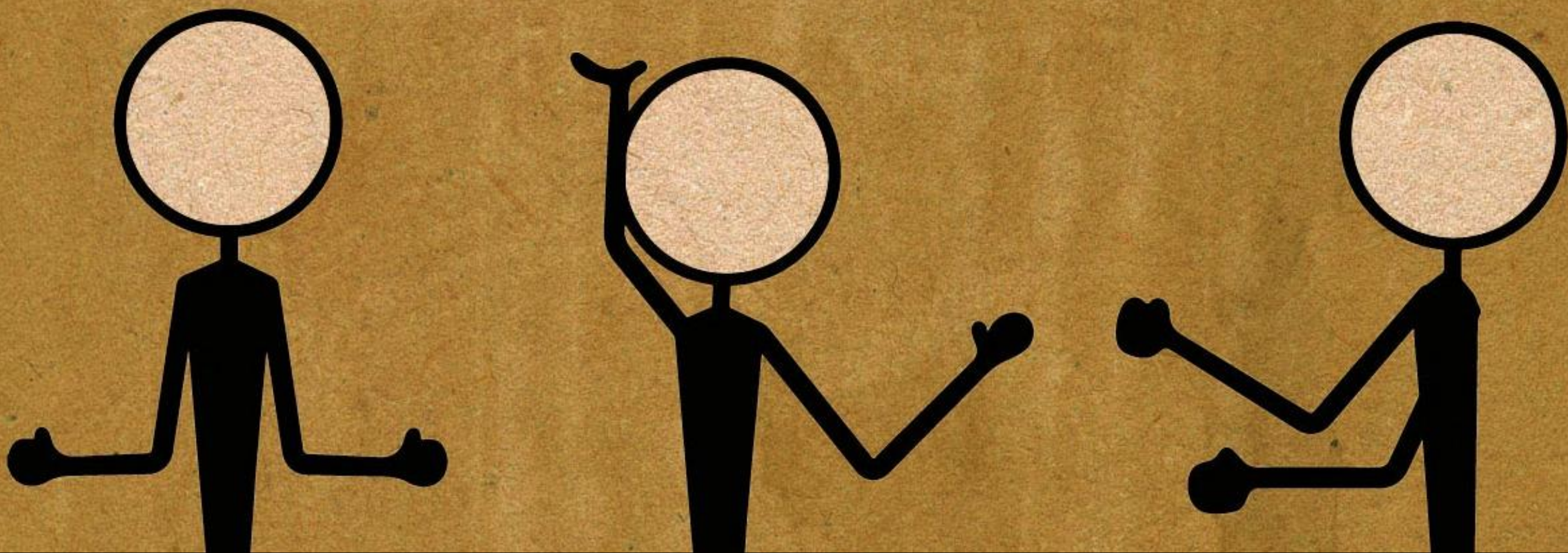


The Problems May Have Their Origin Within Your Own Heart
• **If So, Fix Yourself First**

³ Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead.
⁴ Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. **Phil 2:3-4 (MSG)**

Sandpaper People

www.LayeredSoul.com



Don't Try to Change the Other Person

Sandpaper People

People Change When THEY Want To...

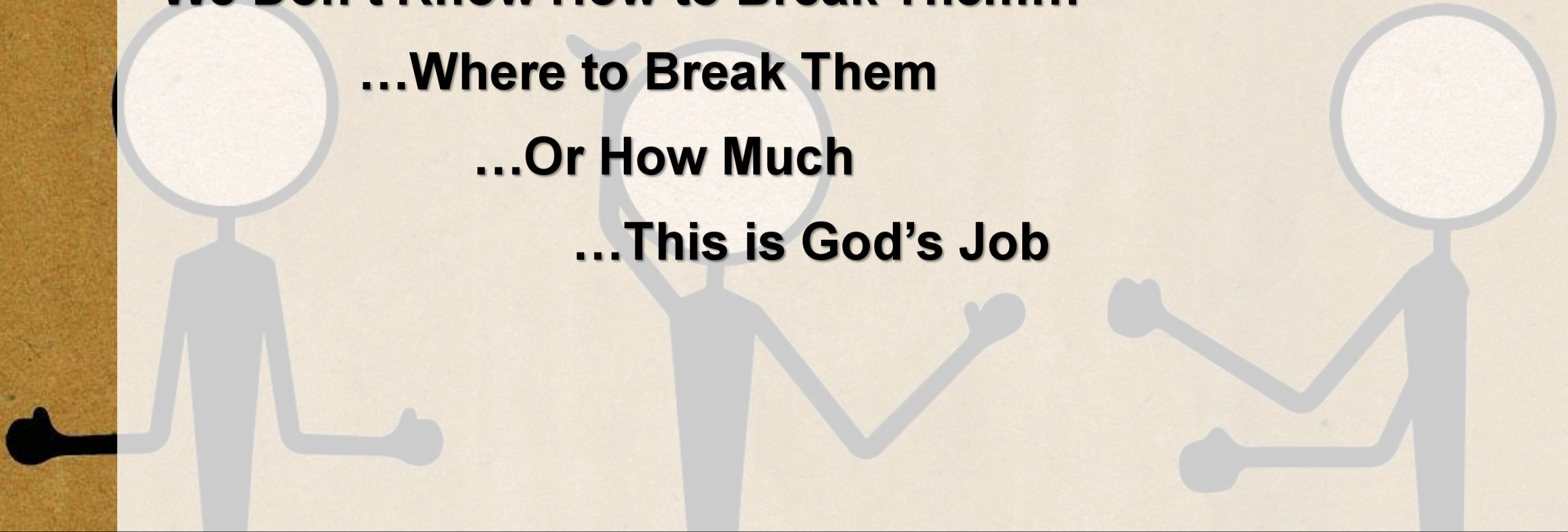
...Not When YOU Want Them To.

- We Don't Know How to Break Them...**

...Where to Break Them

...Or How Much

...This is God's Job



Don't Try to Change the Other Person

Sandpaper People

People Change When THEY Want To...

...Not When YOU Want Them To.

- We Don't Know How to Break Them...**

 - ...Where to Break Them**

 - ...Or How Much**

 - ...This is God's Job**

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure" -**Philippians 2:13**

Consider This:

- They May Be God's Sand Paper**
- God Could Be Changing You**

Don't Try to Change the Other Person

Sandpaper People

Philippians 2:13 (AMP)

¹³ [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure *and* satisfaction *and* delight.

pleasure" -Philippians 2:13

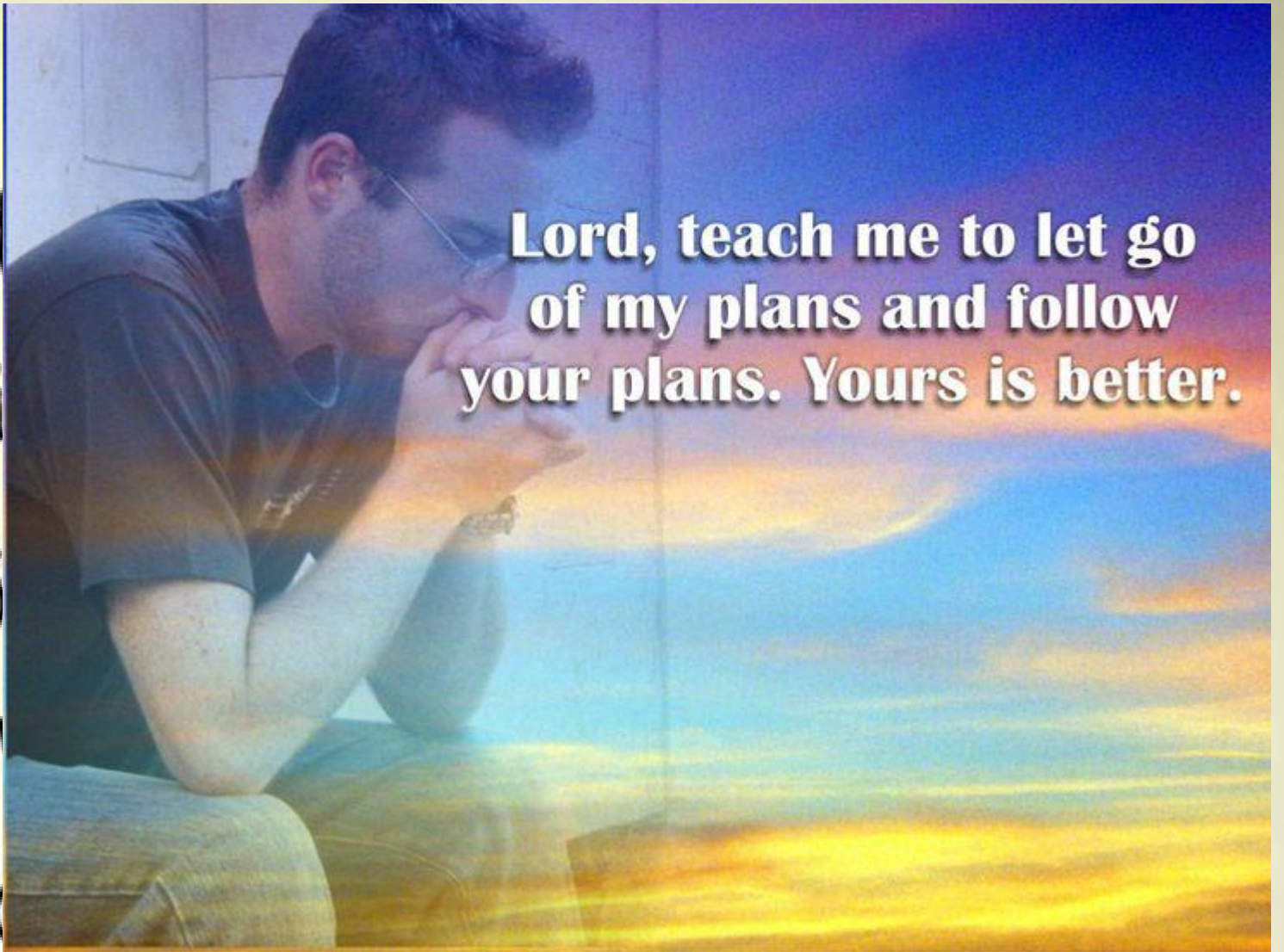
Consider This:

- They May Be God's Sand Paper
- God Could Be Changing You

Be thankful for
the difficult people
in your life, for
they have shown you who
you don't want to be.

@PeacefulMindPeacefulLife

Be t
the di
in y
they ha
you d



**Lord, teach me to let go
of my plans and follow
your plans. Yours is better.**

@PeacefulMindPeacefulLife

Be t
the di
in y
they ha
you d

**EVEN WHEN
WE CAN'T SEE IT,
GOD IS WORKING THINGS
OUT
FOR OUR GOOD**

@PeacefulMindPeacefulLife

Jeremiah 29:11 (MSG)

¹¹ I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.

**EVEN WHEN
WE CAN'T SEE IT,
GOD IS WORKING THINGS
OUT
FOR OUR GOOD**

@PeacefulMindPeacefulLife

Jokes

It's been a strange day! First, I found a hat full of money on the sidewalk.

Then I was chased by an angry man with a guitar.

You never appreciate what you have til it's gone...

Toilet paper is a good example