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When people argue, they can say harsh words, create turmoil, and cause emotional pain. But there's hope—our beliefs can positively influence how we respond in conflict. Consider God's sovereignty, for example. If you believe the scriptures proclaiming God's rule over nature ([Psalm 135:6](#)), government ([Job 12:23](#)), and mankind ([Acts 17:25](#)), then you know that nothing in heaven or on earth is hidden from Him or outside of His control.

This means our heavenly Father, who has promised to protect His children, knows when people verbally attack us. Nothing can touch us apart from His permissive will. His sovereign control also gives Him the power to work pain into something beneficial ([Romans 8:28](#)). We have hope because His will cannot be thwarted, even in bad circumstances. When we believe in the Lord's sovereign rule, our perspective on conflict changes. Instead of responding with fear, anger, or resentment, we turn to Him for guidance.

Fighting is inevitable in our fallen world. When it's our fault, we are to apologize; when others are responsible, we may have to confront them. But regardless of the circumstances, we're called to forgive without exception—and we can because God is in control. As Christ's ambassadors, the way we respond matters.

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