

Communication: Avoiding Wars and Lesser Evils
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The Background (1-9) - The 2 1/2 tribes return home, across the Jordan

The Problem (10-12) - Conflict between those who are close.

The concern (12, 16) - To guard truth (true worship)

Their Mistake - They reacted in haste on false assumptions with bad information

Their Solution (19) - A gracious, sacrificial offer to solve the problem.

The Explanation (2/29) - What they thought was an act of rebellion was in fact a symbol of faithfulness.

The Reconciliation (30-34) - Communication makes a difference.

Remember:

1. Good communication leads to good relationships.

2. Do not act until you ask for explanation.

3. Assume the best, not the worst. Innocent until proven guilty.

4. Be a peacemaker - a bridge, not a wall.