

# RE-ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

## Instructions Not Included

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**Scripture:** *Philippians 2:5; Luke 5:31-32*

**Idea:** Repairing a relationship is a skill that must be learned. It's not intuitive or comfortable.

### Introduction

*[Twenty-seven years ago, I was sitting in my dad's office with him and a counselor, again, trying to repair our relationship. We spent our careers telling other people how to fix their broken and damaged relationships, but we were stuck. We were angry and hurt. Here's why:]*

He saw things **his** way.

I saw things the **right** way.

*[I couldn't understand why we weren't making progress. I thought...]*

Dad, if you'll just see things **my way**, we'll be **on our way**!

*[If you think about your fractured, awkward, broken relationships, it could be recent or in the past, at work, with a family member, friend, or neighbors, isn't it true that...]*

If they would see it **your way**, everything would be **okay**.

*[For the next few weeks, we will address the question you've been asking for years:]*

What's **wrong** with these people?

*[So, the title of our new series is...]*

**Graphic:** HOW TO GET PEOPLE TO SEE THINGS **YOUR WAY**

*[The subtitle is: Which Is the Right Way. Until they do, they're in your way, holding up progress, keeping the family in turmoil, or ruining another Thanksgiving. If they would just see things your way, things would be okay.]*

*[We'll talk about how this will work if you have a ninth grader who you need to convince how important biology class is to their GPA and future life. If you need to convince your mother or*