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Andy Stanley interviews Sarah Anderson, author of *The Space Between Us: How Jesus Teaches Us to Live Together When Politics and Religion Pull Us Apart*.

Discussion Questions

1. Growing up, did your family discuss politics and religion openly?
2. Are you comfortable sharing your opinions about politics and religion? If so, in what settings?
3. On a scale from 1 to 10, how much do you try and avoid conflict? (1 = I'm not afraid of conflict; 10 = I avoid conflict at all cost)
4. Based on your recent conversations and social media posts, what conclusion would someone draw on how you feel about people who disagree with you politically?
5. Look at these three statements that were mentioned in the interview. Which one represents an area in which you'd like to grow?
 - **We can love without agreement.**
 - **We can honor without harmony.**
 - **We can respect without conformity.**

A Liturgy for The Space Between Us a Thanksgiving Prayer written by Sarah Anderson

For family near and peaceable, Lord, we give thanks.
For family far and conflicted, Lord, we give thanks.
For the ones easy to love, Lord, we give thanks.
For the ones we fight to love, Lord, we give thanks.
For people who see as we see, Lord, we give thanks.
For people we don't understand, Lord, we give thanks.
For people who don't understand us, Lord, we give thanks.
For easy conversation and expressed affection, Lord, we give thanks.
For gentle discord within our discourse, Lord, we give thanks.
For unity, not sameness, Lord, we give thanks.
For charity in all things, Lord, we give thanks.
For a world that reflects your goodness, Lord, we give thanks.
For humankind that bears your image, Lord, we give thanks.
For a day when we'll delight in our differences and not just tolerate them,
For a gathering of every tribe and every tongue,
For a table and a feast today, anticipating the one we'll enjoy with you someday,
Lord, we give thanks. Amen.