

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

**Matthew 5:9 (NIV)**

*God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.*

**Matthew 5:9 (NLT)**

## PEACEMAKING IS NOT...

1. THE ABSENCE OF CONFLICT
2. PEACEMAKING IS NOT PASSIVE; IT'S ACTIVE
3. PEACEMAKING IS NOT APPEASEMENT
4. PEACEMAKING IS NOT AVOIDANCE

A peacemaker is one who is actively trying to reconcile people to God and to one another.

## WHY DOES IT MATTER TO ME?

1. UNRESOLVED CONFLICT WILL HINDER YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

*But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

**Matthew 6:15 (NIV)**

2. UNRESOLVED CONFLICT WILL HINDER YOUR PRAYERS

*In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.*

**1 Peter 3:7 (NLT)**

*So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.*

**Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)**

3. UNRESOLVED CONFLICT HURTS YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE

*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

**Romans 12:18 (NIV)**

## BECOMING A PEACEMAKER

1. KNOW PEACE

*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 4:7 (NIV)**

2. BRING PEACE

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

**Ephesians 6:12 (KJV)**

3. REFLECT PEACE

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