

THE REAL DEFINITION OF BLESSINGS UPSIDE DOWN

The Crown Doesn't Fit the
Fighter, it Fits the Peacemaker

Matthew 5:9, John 13:35,
Romans 12:18, 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

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THEOLOGICAL If God has reconciled you to Himself, He expects
THESIS → you to be an ambassador of reconciliation.

PRACTICAL You cannot give what you
THESIS → do not possess.

**THREE OF
THE MOST
IMPORTANT
LIFE SKILLS
IS LEARNING
HOW TO**

- 01** Resolve conflict
Romans 12:18
- 02** Restore broken relationships
Colossians 3:13
- 03** Reconcile with others
Matthew 5:23-24

BIBLICAL PEACEMAKING REQUIRES

- 01** Courage
Matthew 18:15
- 02** Wisdom
James 3:17-18
- 03** Love
Colossians 3:14
- 04** Humility
Philippians 2:3-4
- 05** Not avoiding or appeasing.
James 5:19-20

WHY RESOLVING CONFLICT MATTERS

- Unresolved Conflict**
- 01** 1 John 4:20
Blocks fellowship with God
 - 02** 1 Peter 3:7
Blocks prayer
 - 03** Psalm 32:3-4
Blocks happiness

**CONFLICTS ARE
USUALLY
EMOTIONAL, NOT
INTELLECTUAL**

- 04** Listen for their hurt and perspective.
James 1:19
- 03** Begin by asking "What's my fault?"
James 4:1
- 02** Ask God for wisdom.
James 1:5
- 01** Make the first move.
Matthew 5:23-24

**CONFLICT IS
UNAVOIDABLE
BECAUSE...**



RESOLVING CONFLICT

- 07** Focus on reconciliation, not resolution.
2 Corinthians 5:18
- 06** Fix the problem, not the blame.
Colossians 3:8
- 05** Speak the truth in love.
Ephesians 4:15
- 04** Listen for their hurt and perspective.
James 1:19

2 ROOT CAUSES
Self-centeredness
and pride

MIRACULOUS STATEMENT

"I'm sorry, I was only thinking of myself."



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THE FEAR BEHIND CONFLICT

Genesis 3, 2 Timothy 1:7



PEACEKEEPERS

- Avoid confrontation
- Stay silent
- Ignore problems
- Avoid difficult conversations
- Maintain superficial harmony

PEACEMAKERS

- Resolve conflict Matthew 18:15
- Move toward brokenness Galatians 6:1
- Pursue reconciliation 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
- Speak truth in love Ephesians 4:15
- Help restore relationships Colossians 3:13-14

SONS OF GOD

There is a Family Resemblance

Matthew 5:9b

- ✓ God is a reconciler. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
- ✓ God pursued peace with sinners. Romans 5:8
- ✓ God sent Christ to reconcile people to Himself. Colossians 1:21-22

WARFARE TAKES ON TWO FORMS

Ephesians 6:10-18

ATTACKING

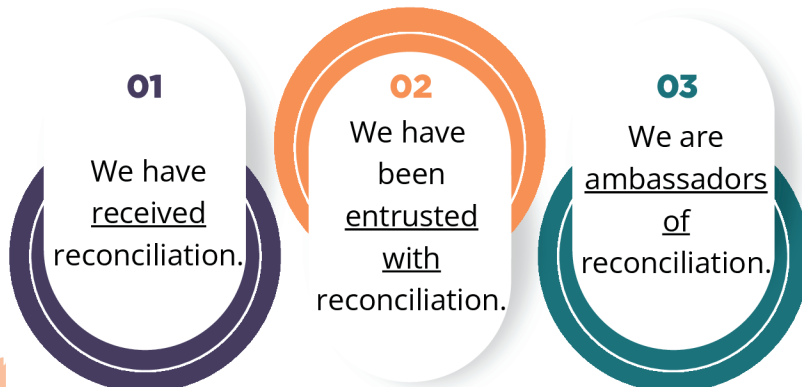
- Judgemental speech
- Manipulation
- Social media attacks
- Slander
- Gossip

DEFENDING

- Becoming defensive
- Emotional barriers
- Refusing to listen
- Building walls

THE EXEGETICAL SPINE

2 Corinthians 5:18-20



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ONE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Beatitudes aren't a command to try harder, they're a description of what new-creation people inevitably do.

IN MARRIAGE

Peacemakers do not keep score. They pursue resolution, instead of winning arguments.

1 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

IN FAMILIES

Peacemakers address wounds rather than pretending they do not exist.

2 Matthew 18:15

IN CHURCHES

Peacemakers refuse to spread gossip or share content that promotes division and disunity.

3 Romans 16:17

IN SOCIETY

Peacemakers bring biblical truth and biblical love together.

4 John 1:14

Peace has a source, a content, a cost, and a promise.