

The GOOD LIFE

Peacemaking

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True peace begins with _____. (Rom. 15:33 & Phil. 4:9)

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times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you."*

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Peace is _____ without God's reconciliation.

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2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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Expect discord.

_____ conflict with faith.

Remove expectations on the response.

Let the _____ form your peacemaking.

SELF-REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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2. How can I best love the individual(s)?
3. Have I removed the plank out of my eye?
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Questions from the Sermon on February 15, 2026

Getting to Know Me

1. What stands out to you from Sunday's message on peacemaking?
2. When you hear reconciliation, what is your first reaction, and why?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Matthew 5:3-10. How does peacemaking flow out of the previous beatitudes?
4. In 2-3 sentences, how would you describe the gospel?
5. Read Romans 5:8 and 1 John 3:1. How do these verses reveal reconciliation at the heart of the gospel?
6. When you think of conflicts you have walked through, what was in your control and what was outside your control? When have you been tempted to reach beyond your part and into others or God's parts of peacemaking?

7. How does the biblical idea of shalom differ from the common ways we speak of peace in our culture?
8. Why does true peacemaking require the Spirit's work in us? How does relying on our own strength often get in the way of peacemaking?

Making it Personal

9. Share a time when you stepped into a difficult situation as a peacemaker? How did you experience the Spirit's help?
10. In the self-reflection questions (see box in notes), which one challenges you most? Did any surprise you?
11. (Share as appropriate) Where might reconciliation be needed in your life right now? What is one step you could take this week?

Prayer

"Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it" (Psalm 34:14).

Invite the Lord to show you where he is asking you to pursue peace and to give you courage to take the next step.

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