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Definition of Peace

- A state of reconciliation with God

- Inner rest and harmony, freedom from anxiety.

- Agreement between persons, in contrast to division or dissension, or armed conflict.

The 3 Dimensions of Peace

- Peace with God
- Peace within yourself
- Peace with others

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- Peace with God

Why do we need to have peace with God?

"Behold, the LORD'S hand is not so short That it cannot save; Nor is His ear so dull That it cannot hear. But your **iniquities** have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden *His* face from you so that He does not hear." **Isaiah 59:1-2**

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"for all have **sinned** and fall short of the glory of God," **Romans 3:23**

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How can we have peace with God?

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God."
Romans 5:1-2

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"For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven." **Colossians 1:19-20**

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- Peace within yourself

"And the work of righteousness will be peace, and the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever."
Isaiah 32:17

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- Peace within yourself

"The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You."
Isaiah 26:3

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- Peace within yourself

"Those who love Your law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble." **Psalm 119:165**

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- Peace with others

"If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men."
Romans 12:18

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- Peace with others

"Depart from evil and do good;
Seek peace and pursue it."
Psalm 34:14

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- Peace with others

"So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another."
Romans 14:19

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- Peace with others

"Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord."
Hebrews 12:14

The 4 G's of Peacemaking

- Glorify God
- Get the log out of your own eye
- Gently restore
- Go and be reconciled

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- Glorify God

"Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." **1 Corinthians 10:31**

How can I please and honor the Lord in this situation?

The 4 G's of Peacemaking

- Get the log out of your own eye

"Or how can you say to your brother, 'let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye." **Matthew 7:4-5**

How have I contributed to this conflict and what do I need to do?

The 4 G's of Peacemaking

- Gently restore

"Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted."
Galatians 6:1

The 4 G's of Peacemaking

- Gently restore

"And if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother."
Matthew 18:15

How can I help others to understand how they have contributed to this conflict?

The 4 G's of Peacemaking

- Go and be reconciled

"If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering."
Matthew 5:23-24

How can I demonstrate forgiveness and encourage a reasonable solution to this conflict?

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