

# **Peacemaking 101 ~ Biblical Principles for Resolving Conflicts**

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*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.”* Matthew 5:9

## **I. Peacemaking with God**

A. In our Sin – I John 1:9, Romans 4:7-8

B. In our Suffering – Romans 5:3-4, Psalm 56:3-9

## **II. Peacemaking with Others**

A. In our Friendships

1. With a “Jonathan and David” mentality – 1 Samuel 20

2. With a “log and speck” mentality – Matthew 7:1-5

B. In our Families

1. Within marriage – Ephesians 5:22-24

2. Within parenting – Ephesians 6:1-4

3. With siblings – Ephesians 4:29-32

4. With adult children – Colossians 3:12-17

C. In our Fellowship – the Church

1. Without comparisons – I Corinthians 2:1-5

2. Without competition – Colossians 3:23-24

3. Without complaining – James 4:11

D. In our Field – the World

1. With salt and light – Matthew 5:13-14, Colossians 4:5-6

## **III. Peacemaking with Ourselves**

A. In times of Fear – Psalm 56:3-4, Philippians 4:4-9

B. In times of Shame – Psalm 51:10-12, 2 Corinthians 7:9-13

C. In times of Depression – 2 Corinthians 1:8-11, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

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