“Being Peacemakers in a World of Troublemakers”

Matthew 5:38-48         David Owens / 5.02.10

Introduction:
A. Peace can be a very _________ thing.
B. Everybody likes the idea of peace in the _________, but when it
comes to doing _________ things that lead to peace, that’s when we
face resistance.

I. The _________ for Peacemaking
A. “Blessed are the ____________, for they will be called
__________ of God.” (Mt. 5:9)
B. Other passages that challenge us to be peacemakers: Rom.
14:19; 12:18; Heb. 12:14; James 3:18

II. The ________ for Peacemaking
A. The story of Michael Brewer who was ________ by ________.
B. The story of Josie Ratley who was almost ________ to ________
by another teenager.
C. The story of Jon Carmichael who committed suicide after being
__________ at school.
D. The story of Phoebe Prince who took her own life after being
__________ at school.

III. The ________ of Peacemaking
A. We cannot be peacemakers without _________ _________.
B. It is only through the power of the _________ _________ living in
us that we can sow peace.
C. Helpful Biblical Passages: James 3:17-18; Matthew 5:38-48;
Romans 12:17-21
D. Jesus said that when we treat our enemy _____, then we will be
overcoming ________ with _________.
E. The best way to get rid of an enemy is to make him or her your
__________.
F. The story of _________ _________ is a good illustration of this.
G. 2 Thessalonians 3:16 is a good closing prayer.

Answer Key: Intro.A. elusive.  B. abstract, concrete.  I. Call.  I.A. peacemakers,
children.  II. Need.  II.A. burned, bullies.  II.B. beaten, death.  II.C. bullied.  II.D.
bullied.  III. How.  III.A. God’s, help.  III.B. Holy, Spirit.  III.D. well, evil, good.  III.E.
friend.  III.F. Wade, Boggs.