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(New Living Translation)

**God has given us the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ peace**  
\_\_\_\_\_:

We can bring God's peace to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Ro 12:18

- Try \_\_\_\_\_ for them \_\_\_\_\_. Matt 5:44
- Then, try \_\_\_\_\_. Matt 5:23-24
- Try being a little \_\_\_\_\_. Ps 119:165

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*Make bringing God's peace to the conflict*  
*your \_\_\_\_\_.* Col 3:15

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Matt 5:9

## TALK IT OVER

*Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:*

What thought from the message stands out most to you?

Who comes to mind when you think about someone who you personally need to make peace with? How do you think praying for them first, trying to work it out, and being less fragile would help you do that? What are some other thoughts that may help? What questions remain for you about that situation?

How have you helped others make peace in conflict? What does it mean *to make the peace of Christ your number one priority* (Col 3:15)? Describe a time when you either did so, or observed someone living out this principle?

What opportunities have you had recently to share the peace of God with someone far from Him? What big ideas stand out to you in 2Cor 5:17-18?

How can you allow Matt 5:9 be your guide in conflict more often?

What is God teaching you about being a peacemaker?

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RELATIONSHIPS. Ro 12:18

- Try PRAYING for them FOR A WHILE. Matt 5:44
- Then, try WORKING IT OUT. Matt 5:23-24
- Try being a little LESS FRAGILE. Ps 119:165

We can bring God's peace to CONFLICT  
BETWEEN OTHERS. Heb 12:15

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