Be a Peacemaker!
Blessed: From the Inside Out! Pt.7
Matthew 5:9
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Matthew 5:9, *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

Genesis 13:5, *Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.* ***6*** *But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together.* ***7*** *And quarreling arose between Abram's herders and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time.* ***8*** *So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives.* ***9*** *Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."* ***10*** *Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the LORD... 11 So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company:* ***12*** *Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom.*

Romans 12:18, *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

Matthew 10:34, *"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword."*

Hebrews 12:14, *Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.*

How To Become a Peacemaker:

1. **Examine Your Heart — Before You Blame Someone ELSE**

   James 4:1, *What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?* ***2*** *You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.*

   Matthew 7:3, *"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?* ***4*** *How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?* ***5*** *You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."*

2. **Control Your Words — Before They Create More HURT**

   Proverbs 15:1, *A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.*

   James 1:19, *My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,* ***20*** *because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.*

3. **Stand for the Truth — Without Losing Your LOVE**

   Ephesians 4:15, *Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.*

   2 Timothy 2:24, *And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.* ***25*** *Opponents must be gently*

instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,

Galatians 1:10, *Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

4. **Hold to Your Convictions — Without Losing Your COMPASSION**

1 Peter 3:15, *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,* ***16*** *keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.*

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Acts 5:29, *Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!"*