



SERMON NOTES

WALKING AMONG THE DEAD - PART V

A Study of Matthew 5

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THESIS

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.” (V. 9) Not “blessed are the troublemakers.” And not “peacekeepers.”

ANTITHESIS

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (v. 10)

SYNTHESIS

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (vs. 11-12)

Why should I be known as a peacemaker? Because unresolved conflict in your life will:

1) Impede your walk with the Lord.

1 John 4:20 (NLT)

If someone says, “I love God,” but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is a liar; for if we don’t love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we have not seen?

2) Invalidate your prayers

1 Peter 3:7 (MSG)

The same goes for you husbands: Be good husbands to your wives. Honor them, delight in them. As women they lack some of your advantages. But in the new life of God’s grace, you’re equals. Treat your wives, then, as equals so your prayers don’t run aground.

3) Inhibit your faith

Mark 11:24-25 (NIV)

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. [25] And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

4) Injury your soul

Job 18:4 (TEV)

You are only hurting yourself with your anger.

WHAT PEACEMAKING ISN'T

1) It's not resolving issues

Acts 15:6 (NLT)

So the apostles and elders met together to resolve this issue.

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Reconcile means to reestablish a relationship it doesn't mean you resolve all the problems.

There is a difference between "INTERESTS" and "POSITIONS." An INTEREST is your personal need or value behind a given issue being discussed and your POSITION is your solution to the issue.

Money issue: the wife desires a budget the husband doesn't want one feels restricted by it. The different positions on the issue will generate the conflict.

The key in coming to a better understanding and a mutually beneficial outcome is to explore what the interests, unmet needs or values are behind each position? Deepening the understanding allows you to better MANAGE the issue.

Did you know most relationship issues (69%) are never resolved, but are "perpetual" problems based on personality differences between partners. The Gottman Institute.

2) Peacemaking isn't meddling in other people's business

Proverbs 26:17 (AMP)

He who, passing by, stops to meddle with strife that is none of his business is like one who takes a dog by the ears.

Luke 12:13-15 (NKJV)

¹³ Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

Relationships form triangles—a dyadic (two person) relationship is unsustainable it will always seek out a third party to transfer the anxiety from that relationship. When you allow yourself to be drawn into the dispute of others by taking sides you are now in a relationship triangle and the stress of that relationship is transferred to you. You have lost objectivity and will become part of the problem.

"...Called sons of God."

The ultimate peacemaking is making ones peace with God and helping others make peace with God.

Romans 5:1 (KJV)

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Ephesians 2:14-18 (NLT)

¹⁴ For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. ¹⁵ He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. ¹⁶ Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death. ¹⁷ He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. ¹⁸ Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 (CEV)

¹⁹ What we mean is that God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world. And he has given us the work of sharing his message about peace. ²⁰ We were sent to speak for Christ, and God is begging you to listen to our message. We speak for Christ and sincerely ask you to make peace with God.