

# THE PEACEMAKER

— commitment —

## *A Commitment to Biblical Reconciliation*

As people reconciled to God through the gospel of Jesus Christ – Jesus' life, death, burial, resurrection and appearance (1 Cor. 15:1-8) – we intend to respond to unhealthy tension in a just, merciful, and humble way (Mic. 6:8).

We believe that by encountering God's presence, understanding his character, and remembering our identity in Christ Jesus, we will be able to fulfill our calling to live in peace with others as far as it depends on us (Rom. 12:18).

We also believe that the Holy Spirit can transform unhealthy tension, making it healthy tension through understanding and living out God's Word (Rom. 12:2). Therefore, in response to God's love and in reliance on his grace, we commit to walking the Path of a Peacemaker.



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**STORY:**  
Discover & Discuss Each Perspective

**ASCEND:**  
Pray & Read Scripture Together

**REFLECT:**  
Take Personal Responsibility

**CONNECT:**  
Apologize, Forgive, & Develop a Plan

**Discover the characters in your story:**

Who is directly or indirectly involved in the conflict?

**Discover the facts:**

What happened?

**Discover your motives:**

What is important to you in this situation?

**Discover your fears:**

What are my fears?

**Discover your wounds:**

What past hurts or experiences are you looking through as you respond to this conflict?

**Discover your hopes:**

What are your desired outcomes?

**Stretch your perspective:**

How do you think others in this conflict would tell the story?

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**Attack Questions**

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**Peacemaking Questions**

- What is God saying to your heart through his Word or by his Holy Spirit? Are you willing to obey him?
- What do you think the just or fair response would be in this situation?
- What actions and words would show mercy to the other person(s)?
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Ask God to search your heart. Determine who was involved. Avoid making excuses. Be specific. Discover and recognize the hurt you caused. Be responsible: restore, repay, and rebuild. Describe how you will change your behavior. Ask for forgiveness.

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Receive & extend God's forgiveness. Choose to entrust your pain to God. Choose to let go of bitterness & resentment. Choose to offer a gift of grace. *'I forgive you for ...'*

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**Restitution Plan:** Who is owed? What is owed? How much is owed? When will restitution be made? What are the consequences of not following the plan?

**ESCAPE** response      **PEACEMAKER** response      **ATTACK** response



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**PEACEMAKER** response

**ATTACK** response

relational  
suicide

emotional  
withdrawal

silence/silent  
treatment

HUMILITY

gossip &  
slander

verbal/physical  
assault

relational  
homicide

MERCY

**JUSTICE**

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