

# Peacemakers

Part two of the series, "The Family Journey"

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## **God calls us to be peacemakers.**

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."  
(Matthew 5:9 NIV)*

*"Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness."  
(James 3:18 NIV)*

## **First, identify the conflict inside your heart.**

*"What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 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."  
(James 4:1-2 NIV)*

*"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? <sup>4</sup>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? <sup>5</sup>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."  
(Matthew 7:3-5 NIV)*

## **Communicate to heal, not to harm.**

*"...speaking the truth in love..." (Ephesians 4:15 NIV)*

*"The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit."  
(Proverbs 18:21 NIV)*

## **Pursue reconciliation over resolution.**

*"So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."  
(2 Corinthians 5:16-20 NIV)*