


# Peace Making



Blessed are the  
peacemakers,  
for they will be  
called children of  
God.

Matt 5 v 9






Want to be a peace maker?  
Be prepared to .....

- Move toward the trouble
- Give up your rights
- Love before you are loved

Move towards the trouble



Recognise the problem.



‘Peace, peace,’ they say,  
when there is no peace


Jer 6 v 14



# Move towards the trouble



*Deal with  
it early*



Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out

Prov 17 v 14








Move towards the trouble




Take a step  
towards peace



If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink,

Rom 12 v 20





But God demonstrates his own love for  
us in this: While we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us


Rom 5 V 8



# Give up your rights

- *Practice Restraint*






Everyone should be quick to listen, slow  
to speak and slow to become angry


James 1 v 19






Give up your rights

- *Trust the injustice you have suffered to God*



When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly



1 Peter 2 v 23




Love before you are loved



*Aim for humility,  
not humiliation*






Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to  
be used to his own advantage;  
rather, he made himself nothing by taking the  
very nature of a servant, being made in human  
likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to  
death, even death on a cross


Phil 2 v 6-8





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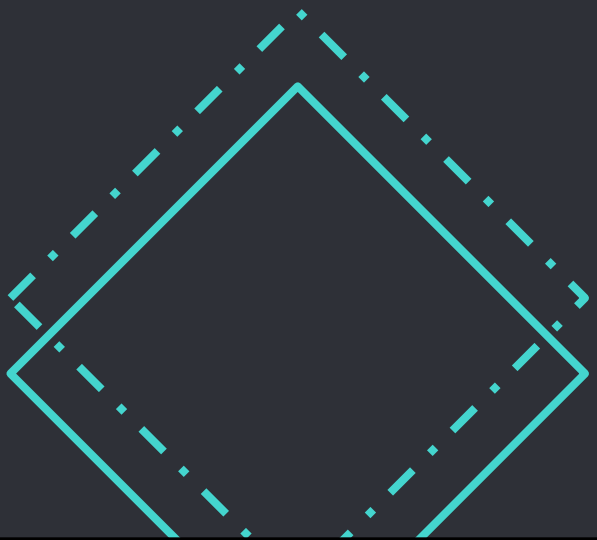
## Give up your rights

Show restraint

Trust your injustices to God

## Love before you are loved

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But now in Christ Jesus you who  
once were far away have been  
brought near by the blood of Christ.  
For he himself is our peace

Eph 2 13-14

