

“Not Passive, but Peacemaking”

Matthew 5:9

What It Means. . .

A peacemaker moves toward what sin has **broken** with truth and love.

What It Confronts. . .

Jesus confronts our **demand** for peace on our terms.

Two Counterfeits. . .

- Peace-faking avoids truth to keep **comfort**.
- Peace-breaking sacrifices love to gain **control**.

Where We See It. . .

- In our culture: We call cutting people off **protecting** our peace.
- In the church: We call avoiding hard conversations **keeping** peace.

See It in Jesus. . .

Jesus made peace by moving toward his enemies and **reconciling** us to God through the cross.

Practicing the Peace Jesus Made. . .

- **Look** inward.
- **Move** toward the person.
- **Own** what is yours.
- **Speak** the truth in love.
- **Pursue** peace as far as it depends on you.

Receive the Promise. . .

Peacemakers are called sons of God because they **resemble** their Father.

Reflect then Act. . .

Reflect: Where are you tempted to call avoidance, control, or civility “peace”?

Act: Read Romans 12:18 and Ephesians 4:1-3. Ask God to reveal any relationship where you need to practice the peace Jesus made.