

The Prince of Peace

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Have you ever felt a deep sense of peace? What was that like?

We tend to think of peace as a quiet afternoon, a calm feeling, or an absence of conflict. But Jesus's idea of peace is much deeper than we might think. It is not just the absence of violence and conflict, but a deep harmony throughout all creation.

WATCH THIS WEEK'S VIDEO: SESSION 7, MATTHEW 5:9

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Peace is not just a seemingly impossible task—it's hard work that requires long-term commitment and wisdom. But it is the work God calls us, his sons and daughters, to apply ourselves to.

What things tend to keep us from working to create peace?

What are some of the barriers that you personally encounter when trying to make peace at work? With your family? With your neighbors?

Since the task of peacemaking seems so big, we might feel overwhelmed by it. But we don't have to figure out all the strife in the world; we just need to faithfully use our gifts in our spheres of influence. A key thing to remember is that God has made you with unique gifts for the work of peacemaking.

In what ways has God uniquely wired you? How could you use your gifts and abilities to make peace?

Your gifts and personality were planned by God so that you could bring peace and flourishing into the world.

What specific opportunities do you have in your neighborhood, at your job, and in your extracurricular activities to make peace?

What is the next step you need to take to serve God with that opportunity?

In a world filled with disorder and division, the shalom of God feels impossible, far out of reach. But you have been uniquely wired and uniquely placed to bring peace into the world. God is simply calling you to live faithfully right where you are. You can't solve world peace, but you can start to create it on your block.

So, get to know your neighbors and serve them when opportunities arise. Seek forgiveness and to restore broken relationships in your family. Be kind and encouraging to the people you encounter every day. Pray for your enemies. Carry the shalom of God with you everywhere you go.