

Remembrance Sunday ~ Sunday, November 11, 2018
“Radicalis: Deepening Your Spiritual Roots ~ Radical Peace”

Micah 4:1-5

Peace =

Shalom =

These words from the prophet Micah are fulfilled in the person and work of _____. Jesus is our _____ of Peace, and only He can _____ us what the world cannot give.

“I am leaving you with a gift: peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn’t fragile like the peace the world gives. So do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (John 14:27)

Jesus **is** our _____, and because of His death and resurrection, we who were once _____ from God have been brought _____. We are no longer _____ and aliens, but fellow _____ with the saints and members of the _____ of God.

Peace comes one _____ at a time. And as followers of Jesus, we are not _____ and our situation is definitely not _____. We can affect change—we can be _____ of peace.

“If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” (Romans 12:18)

Blessed be the peacemakers for they will be called children of God.” (Matthew 5:9)

3 THINGS PEACE MAKING IS NOT

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“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

THE PEACE PLAN: 5 STEPS TO BEING A PEACEMAKER

Step #1. P: _____.

Take the _____ to work for peace—don’t wait for the other

person to make the first _____.

“If you remember that your brother has something against you, go at once to make peace.” (Matthew 5:24)

This is easier said than done because our _____ gets in the way.

“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbour’ and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!” (Matthew 5:43)

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:21)

This requires an act of the _____, it requires us to let go of our _____ and to _____ ourselves to Jesus.

I can’t do this in my own _____—it’s only through Jesus and His strength, that I can _____ evil with good.

Who do you need to have a peace conference with?

“God does not want us to be in disorder but in harmony and peace.”
(1 Corinthians 14:33)

Step #2. E: _____.

“Be full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.” (1 Peter 3:8)

It’s important for us to try to see things from the other person’s _____.

Sympathy=

Empathy =

Both require a tender _____ and a _____ mind. They also require us to _____—to actually hear what the other person is saying, instead of just trying to get our own _____ across.

Often when we get into conflict, we’re so busy trying to _____ our own view and argue our own _____ that we don’t even try to _____ where the other person is coming from

“None of you should think only of his own affairs, but consider the other person’s interests also.” (Philippians 2:4)

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One of the potential positive outcomes of conflict is deeper _____, which helps to build and strengthen relationships.

Where is your focus? How easily do you empathize with others?

“Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other.” (Colossians 3:15)

Step #3. A: _____.

“Bold reproof leads to peace.” (Proverbs 10:10)

Being _____ and straight forward with each other is how we maintain peace in a relationship.

As important as it is to attack the problem, we need to make sure that we do it with _____—that we don’t attack the person.

“Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.” (Ephesians 4:15)

We need to say it in a way that says we _____ the person and the relationship.

“Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed.” (Ephesians 4:29)

8 QUICK RULES FOR FAIR FIGHTING

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When you find yourself in a conflict, what do you attack?

“So let’s pursue those things which bring peace and which are good for each other.” (Romans 14:19)

#4. C: _____.

Peacemakers always look for _____ ground—for areas where we can be _____ or give a little.

“Wisdom is peace loving and courteous. It allows discussion. It is willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It is wholehearted and straightforward and sincere.” (James 3:17)

So often we come in the _____ spirit—we’re _____, unwilling to yield, closed to any discussion or compromise.

A successful relationship requires that both people are willing to give 100% to the other person—this involves a certain level of _____.

“Peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness.” (James 3:18)

In any relationship, we _____ what we _____.

What are you planting in your relationships?

“A person of peace has a wonderful future ahead of them...a happy ending.” (Psalm 37:37)

Step #5. E: _____.

Resolution =

Reconciliation =

We are not going to be able to completely _____ every issue.

“God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.” (2 Corinthians 5:18)

God has not only made peace with us through Jesus’s _____ on the cross, He’s called us to this same ministry of _____.

Reconciliation isn’t about being right or wrong—its about _____

What’s more important: being right or being in right relationship?

Having my own way or following Jesus’ way Jesus?

Who do you need to seek reconciliation with?

“He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ’s blood on the cross.” (Colossians 1:19)

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Take a look a your handout. Given these 5 steps, are you a peacemaker or a troublemaker? Are you living out radical peace?