

PRACTICAL PEACEMAKING

Matthew 5:9

BLESSED



PEACEMAKERS

FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED
SONS OF GOD.
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- **God's Way to Peace:**
 - **“Speak softly and carry a big stick; you'll go far.” – T. Roosevelt.**
 - **“we maintain peace through our strength; weakness only invites aggression.” – R. Reagan.**
 - **Not peace through strength but peace through humility. **Matt. 5:3, 5, 9****

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- **Abigail, A Woman of Good**

Understanding:

- **1 Sam. 25:18-35.**
- **Peace not through strength but humility and self-sacrifice.**
- **David recognized this way of peace as having come from God. v.33.**

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- **What Peacemaking Is:**
 - **Peace is not the absence of hostility at all costs but avoiding vengeance at all costs. **Eccl. 3; Matt. 10:34-36; Rom. 12:18-19****
 - **Peace is not the absence of suffering or persecution. **Matt. 5:10-11****
 - **Peace is the very essence of godly wisdom. **Jas. 3:13-18****

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- **Practical Peacemaking:**

1. The world needs our gospel not our sword.

Lk. 9:51-56; (Jn. 18:4-11); Matt. 5:11-12.

2. We need to strive to be a Steven and not a Saul.

Acts 7:54-60; (Acts 8:1); 7:40; Rom. 12:14-21

3. We need to be contrite when wronged and quiet in anger.

1 Cor. 13:5b; Eph. 4:26; Jas. 1:19-20