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- •Nothing New:
 - •We as a nation seem to be on edge right now.
 - While it seems these are unprecedented times, the Wisdom of the Bible reminds us this is nothing new. Ecclesiastes 1:10
 Conflict is a natural consequence of life under the sun. Ecclesiastes 4:4

• Why Be A Peacemaker? • First, God said so! Matthew 5:9 Jesus is showing us the type a person that is in the Kingdom. Second, the Gospel thrives in a peaceful world. •2 Timothy 2:1-4

Peacemakers Make it Easy to Pursue Peace with Them:

Romans 12:17-21 Hebrews 12:12-15

- Peacemakers Save Their Credit for What Matters:
 - Most people don't have the emotional capacity to tolerate constant negativity, criticism, or strong onions on everything under the sun. It's a fact: your friends will just stop listening eventually."
 – Ryan Goodwin
 - You can't be angry at everything. Proverbs 29:9, 11

- Peacemakers Save Their Credit for What Matters:
 - •You can't be angry at everything. Proverbs 29:9, 11
 - •There are only a few things in life that truly matter. Luke 10:41-42
 - •Be a peacemaker. James 3:13-18