

**Blessed are
the**



peacemakers



Matthew 5:9

**Blessed are the
peacemakers, for they
shall be called sons of
God.**



First Point

In order to be a peacemaker, you need to be at peace.



**In order to be filled with
God's peace...**

**We need to reign in
our desires.**



James 4

¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?



James 4

² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.



**In order to be filled with
God's peace...**

**We need to focus on
God.**



Isaiah 26:3

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.



**In order to be filled with
God's peace...**

**We need to reign in
our fears.**



John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.



**Colin
Smith**

**“What fills you will
always spill out of
you when
someone bumps
into you.”**





Second Point

In order to be a peacemaker, you need to be like Jesus.



5 Generations



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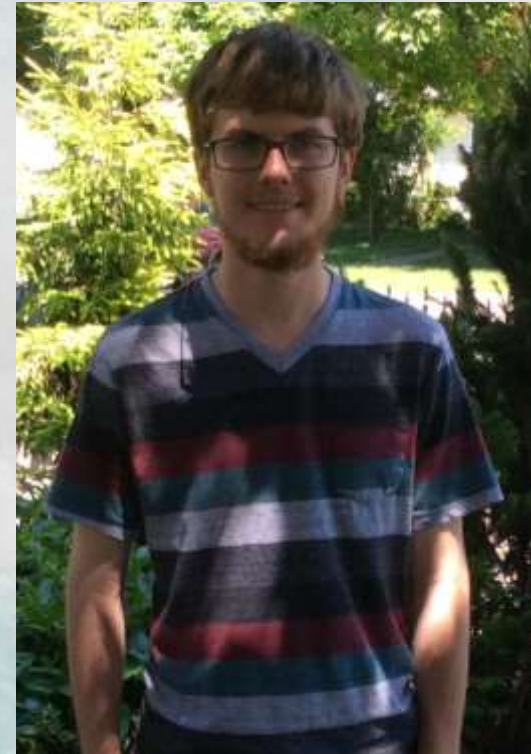
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Colossians 1:15

**He is the image of the
invisible God, the
firstborn of all creation.**



John 14

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”



John 14

¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.



John 14

11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.



**In order to be
peacemakers like Jesus...**

**We need to share His
attitude of humility.**



Philippians 2 (NASB)

⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,



Philippians 2 (NASB)

⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself** by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.



Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.



In order to be
peacemakers like Jesus...

**We need to take the
first step in breaking a
conflict.**



Mexican Standoff





Matthew 5

23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, **24** leave your gift there before the altar and go. **First be reconciled to your brother**, and then come and offer your gift.



Matthew 6:15

But if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.



**Men have trouble
taking the first step in
a conflict.**



**Kent
Hughes**

“This is particularly a male tendency. Even in our most intimate relationships, men tend to act as if everything is OK when it is not. Men often avoid reality because they want peace. But their avoidance heals the wound only slightly and prepares the way for greater trouble.”



**Colin
Smith**

***“Always move
towards the
barking dog.”***



**In order to be
peacemakers like Jesus...**

**We need to love
before it is
reciprocated.**



Romans 5

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—



Romans 5

8 but God shows his love for us in that **while we were still sinners**, Christ died for us.



**Colin
Smith**

**1. Deal with conflict
early.**

***The beginning of strife is like
letting out water, so quit
before the quarrel breaks
out. (Prov. 17:14)***



**Colin
Smith**

2. Practice Restraint, especially with your tongue.

***Let every person be quick to
hear, slow to speak, slow to
anger. (James 1:19)***



**Colin
Smith**

3. Aim at humility, not humiliation.

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

(1 Peter 4:8)



Following the Cuban Missile Crisis

“If anybody is around to write after this, they’re going to understand that we made every effort to find peace and... give our adversary room to move. I’m not going to push the Russians an inch beyond what’s necessary.” JFK



**Rick
Warren**

4. Begin with what's my fault.

***Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.
(James 5:16)***



How do you spell Blame?

“B” Lame



**Rick
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5. Listen for their hurt & perspective.

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

The Lord is at hand.

(Philippians 4:5)



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Smith**

**6. Trust the injustice you
have suffered to God.**

***For this is a gracious thing,
when mindful of God, one
endures sorrows while suffering
unjustly. (1 Peter 2:19)***



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7. Prepare for a long journey.

***Seek peace and pursue it.
(1 Peter 3:11)***



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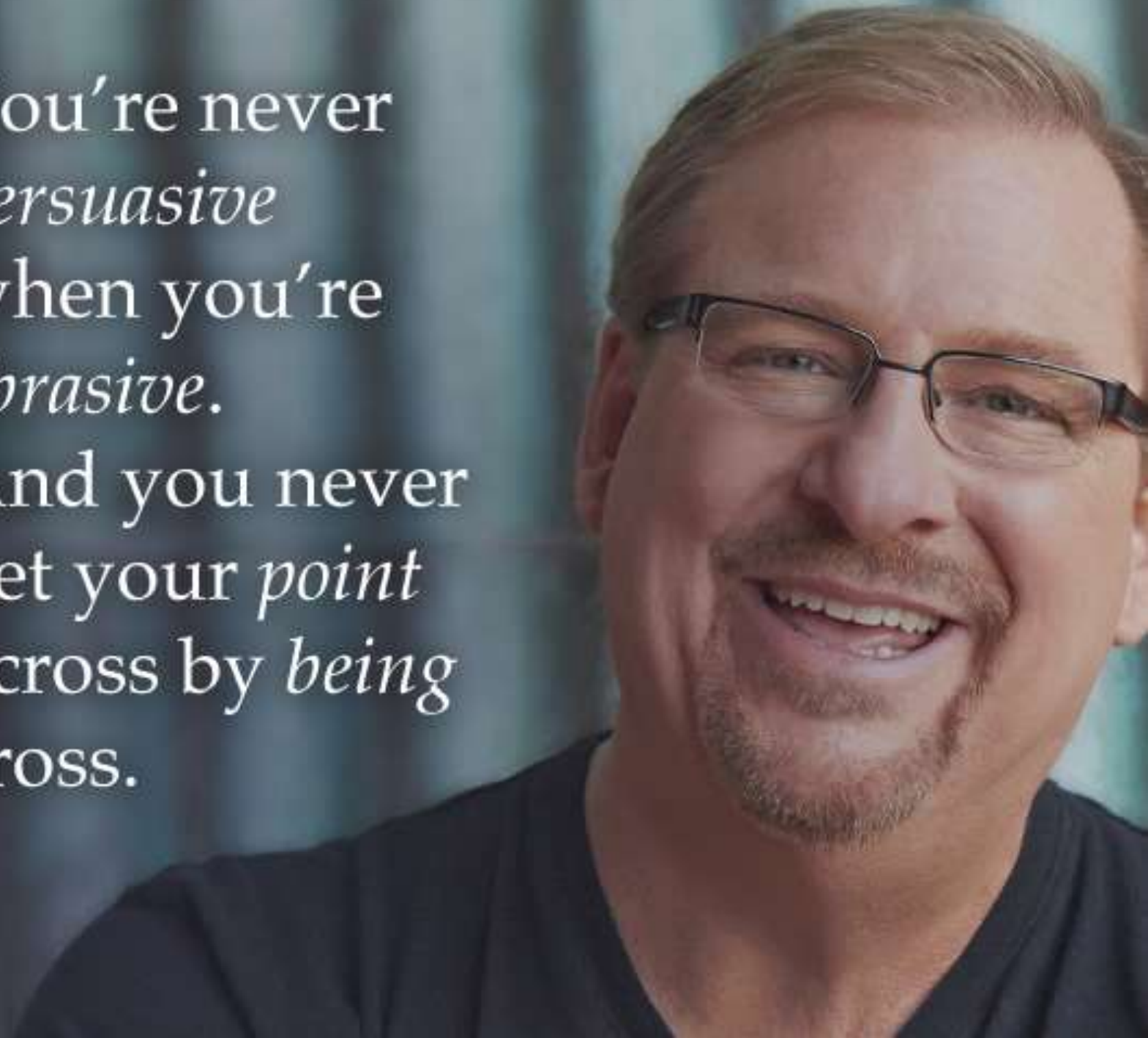
**8. Speak the truth
tactfully.**

***Speak the truth in love.
(Ephesians 4:15)***



You're never
persuasive
when you're
abrasive.

And you never
get your *point*
across by *being*
cross.





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Warren**

9. Focus on Reconciliation, not Resolution.

***If possible, so far as it
depends on you, live
peaceably with all. (Rom.
12:18)***



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