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BLESSED *Are the Peace Makers*

-- Matthew 5:9 -



Dear Friends,

We all long for peace. Peace in our homes, our hearts, in our relationships, peace in a world that often feels hurried, divided, and uncertain! Yet if you've lived very long, you've probably discovered that peace doesn't simply happen. Jesus knows that. That's why he didn't say, "Blessed are the peaceful" He said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God." There is a difference.

Some people spend their lives trying to keep the peace. They avoid difficult conversations, ignore tension, and stay silent to avoid conflict. Sometime this is wise, and sometimes it simply leaves wounds untouched. Peacemaking is different, it is the quiet courage to move toward what is broken with the love of Christ. It chooses truth with kindness, grace with honesty, listening before speaking, and healing before winning.

The Beatitudes continue to reveal the kind of people the Kingdom of God draws near to. Here Jesus blesses those who carry His peace into the places that need it most. That kind of peace does not begin around us, it begins within us, because hearts at peace become people who bring peace. Maybe this is why Jesus so often withdrew to quiet places to pray. He carried peace because He lived from peace.

SEE clearly -- Jesus never avoided brokenness, he walked toward it. Whether it was a hurting person, a divided family, or a fearful disciple, His presence consistently brought peace.

TELL the truth -- What is true here is both comforting and challenging: You cannot always control what others choose, but you can choose the spirit you carry into every conversation, every relationship, and every circumstance. Many people believe that peace means that everyone must agree or that if they don't fix the problem everything will fall apart! Jesus offers us another way, a way that brings to light that peace is not void of conflict, but that peace is the presence of Jesus in any situation. And wherever His presence is welcomed, healing has room to begin.

LINGER with Jesus -- If you are able, take a quiet moment this week.

Notice any place where your heart feels unsettled. Perhaps it is a relationship, a worry, a conversation that keeps replaying in your mind. Maybe it's simply an inner restlessness that you can't put your finger on. Don't push it away but simply bring it before God and quietly ask "Jesus, what is true and who am I in this?"

Sit with Him for a few moments.

You do not have to manufacture peace; you only have to remain close to the Prince of Peace.

LIVE His way -- This week, look for the opportunity to bring peace. Offer a listening ear or a piece of advice. Choose gentleness instead of defensiveness. Try speaking words that heal instead of divide. Small acts of peace often become places where God's Kingdom quietly appears.

What this says about you. If Jesus call the peacemakers blessed, then it tells us something true about who you are as you follow Him. You are not called to carry the weight of fixing every situation. You are not responsible for controlling every outcome. According to Jesus, you are someone who carries His peace into the world, someone who reflects the heart of the Father, and someone who helps bring healing simply by the way you love.

We would love to hear from you. If this message met you in a meaningful way, or if you have been reflecting, praying or simply sitting with these words, we invite you to reach out.

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With Love,

Kate Green, the Asbury Staff, and your Asbury Church Family