

HOW TO MAKE PEACE WITH OTHERS

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

TWO PEACE MAKER MYTHS

#1 CONDEMNATION leads transformation

*You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself...
(Romans 2:1)*

Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. (Romans 14:4)

#2. AVOIDING CONFLICT is the same as making peace.

"'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace. Are they ashamed of their detestable conduct?" (Jeremiah 6:14)

"Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent" (Proverbs 17:28)

JOHN 8: THE ACCUSERS IN THE TEMPLE

At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.

The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

"No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

THREE KEYS FOR MAKING PEACE

Key #1: understanding

"Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

Key #2: compromise

"At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first..."

Key #3: forgiveness

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FINAL THOUGHT

Avoid the myths, choose the right keys.

Questions about the **message**? Is **God calling you** to **serve our kids** or **students**? No experience needed, just servant-hearted people who love Jesus. We will train you!
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