*Strengthening resolve to trust God and empowering prosperous living built on intimate relationship with God*

**Reconciliation - the restoration of friendly relations; harmonization; the action of making [my] view or belief compatible with [God’s]**

# What makes for peace?

*God has done all this. He has restored our relationship with him through Christ, and has given us this ministry of restoring relationships.  2 Corinthians 5:18 (GW)*

*So then, make it your top priority to live a life of peace with harmony in your relationships, eagerly seeking to strengthen and encourage one another. Romans 4:19 (TPT)*

*God blesses those who* ***work*** *for peace, for they will be called the children of God.  Matthew 5:9 (NLT)*

# Work - activity involving mental or physical effort done in order to achieve a purpose or result

# 7 steps to restoring family relationships (steps 6 & 7)

## **Purposefully** collaborate **as much as possible**

*Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.* *Romans 12:18 (NLT)*

*“Remember peace always has a price tag. Sometimes it cost us our pride, it often cost our self-centeredness. Do your best to compromise, adjust to others and give preference to what they need.”* *Rick Warren*

## **Prioritize** reconciliation **not** resolution

## Reconciliation focuses on the relationship, while resolution focuses on the problem.

## In conflict, **Christ-Centered Communication** is always **“Discussion with the intent to agree or reconcile”**

# I will not fight over varying perspectives

*“We can reestablish a relationship even when we are unable to resolve our differences. Christians often have legitimate, honest disagreements and differing opinions, but we can disagree without being disagreeable…”*

# I will demonstrate a commitment to the relationship

*“The same diamond looks different from different angles. God expects unity, not uniformity, and we can walk arm-in-arm without seeing eye-to-eye on every issue…”*

# I will work for peace with harmony

*This doesn’t mean you give up on finding a solution. You may need to continue discussing and even debating - but you do it in a spirit of harmony. Reconciliation means you bury the hatchet, not necessarily the issue...”*

* Who do I need to contact today as a result of hearing this message?
* With whom do I need to restore a relationship?

Don’t delay another second, pause right now and talk to God about that person.