

## Peacemakers – Responding To Relational Conflict

Matthew 5:9

*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” -Matt. 5:9*

- Peacemakers are bridge makers!

### **N.T. meaning of peacemaker - to make a joint, a connection**

- Not a peace faker - only pacifying a conflict!

*“He Himself is our peace...and has broken down the middle wall of separation.” -Eph. 2:14*

- Remove the walls
- Build a bridge

Push over the wall and create a bridge!

- Wall of misinformation
- *“answers before listening” -Prov. 18:13*

Wall of misunderstanding

- *“some things that are hard to understand” -II Peter 3:16*

Wall of judgment

- *“do not judge according to appearance” -John 7:24*

Wall of an offense

- *“give no offense” -I Cor. 10:32*

### **1. Overlook an offense**

*“It is to his glory to overlook an offense.” -Prov. 19:11*

### **2. Truth Dialogue**

*“be reconciled to your brother and then offer your gift” -Matt. 5:24*

### **3. 20/20 Negotiation**

*“let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others” -Phil. 2:4*

### **4. Mediation**

*“if he will not hear, take with you one or two more...” -Matt. 18:16*

*“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.” - Ephesians 4:32*

- Kind - “flexible”
- Tenderhearted - “sensitive”
- Forgiving - “releasing”