

Peacemaking in Community

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The Roadmap



- What is Peacemaking?
- Peacemaking has Rules
- Paul's Four Propositions for Peacemaking
- Peacemaking When Things Go Wrong

Peacemaking Means...

What We Are Talking About

Creating, maintaining, or restoring peace in the community of Christ.

- Conflict resolution
- Restoring the fallen
- Correcting those who disturb the peace (sow discord, gossip, or are contentious)

the secret ingredient,
is always love.

Peacemaking DOES NOT Mean...

What We Are NOT Talking About

- Uniformity
- Everyone will always agree
- A culture where people don't feel like they can share their honest thoughts



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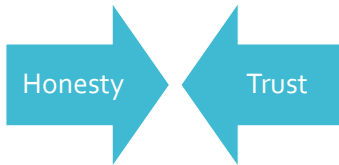
One Way Streets



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Honest Communication



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The Stupid Cycle



Real World Application



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5. You have to be willing to do whatever it takes

Whatever It Takes



Paul's Four Propositions for Peace-making (Eph. 4)

• Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another

Connected
(4:25)



• Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.

Current
(4:26-27)



• Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Contributing
(4:29)



• Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Compassionate
(4:31-32)



When Things Go Wrong Stage 1:

Start with YOU

1. Look at the **problem** correctly
2. Look at **yourself** correctly
3. Look the other way for **minor offenses**



DON'T Look the Other Way When...

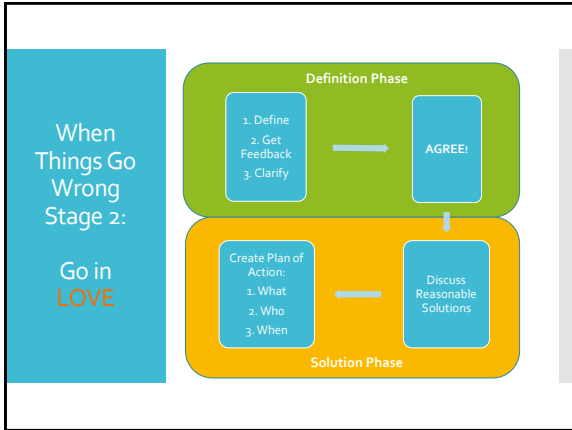
1. Does this harm you?
2. Does this harm someone else?
3. Does this harm the cause of Christ?

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3. Look the other way for **minor offenses**
4. Look for a **good way** to confront





- When Things Go Wrong Stage 3:
Pursue PEACE
- Go back repeatedly
 - Keep doing what is right
 - Reject personal revenge
 - Recognize your limits
 - Get help when needed

Discussion