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IN THIS TOGETHER

Week 3

Matthew 5:9

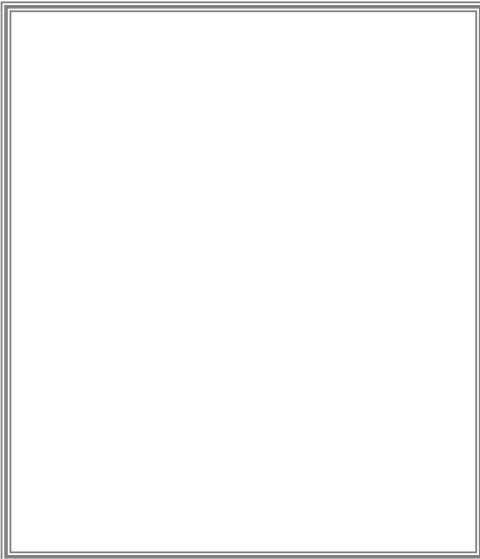
“Blessed are the **PEACEMAKERS**,
for they will be called
children of God.”

John 1:11-12

¹¹ [Jesus] came to that
which was his own, but his
own did not receive
him. ¹² Yet to all who did
receive him, to those who
believed in his name, he
gave the right to become
children of God.

Matthew 5:9 (AMP)

“Blessed [spiritually calm with life-joy in God’s favor] are the
makers *and* maintainers of peace, for they will [express His
character and] be called the sons of God.



Jesus made disciples by
using a combination of
invitation and
CONFRONTATION.

John 8:2-11

²At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶They 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. ⁷When 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." ⁸Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹At 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. ¹⁰Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹"No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared.

"Go now and leave your life of sin."

So What?

You can't be in meaningful relationship with people and not experience **PAIN**.

Seeking to be right rather than seeking to be in relationship perpetuates **BROKENNESS**.

Relatable is not identical, but **RELATIONAL**.

Notes:

***“Peace is not simply the absence of conflict,
but the existence of justice for all people.”***

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Now What? [For Further Reflection]:

- :: Take a moment to pray that God will use this time of reflection and discussion to refine our relationship with him and others.
 - :: Share one thing God has been showing you or reminding you of through the relate+able message series?
 - :: Re-read Matthew 5:9.
 - :: Discuss the meaning and impact of what Jesus said.
 - :: What are some practical implications for us today?
 - :: Discuss some ways/opportunities to be a peacemaker.
 - :: Re-read John 8:2-11
 - :: What stands out to you as you read this interaction?
 - :: What is significant about this exchange?
 - :: What do you find especially challenging or encouraging?
 - :: How did Jesus both invite and challenge the Pharisees?
 - :: How did Jesus create an “embrace” space?
 - :: How have you seen or experienced the above in your life?
 - :: Pastor Shawn said, “Seeking to be right rather than seeking to be in relationship perpetuates brokenness.”
 - :: Discuss the implications of this statement.
 - :: What are signs we are seeking to be right?
 - :: What are signs we are seeking to be in relationship?
 - :: How does being right intersect with being in relationship?
 - :: How does embracing those around us overcome that?
 - :: Share with at least one person how you sense Jesus inviting you to be a peacemaker. Ask them to pray for you this week.
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How to start a relationship with Jesus:

- 1) Admit that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Say YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I choose to trust and follow You as my Risen Lord and Savior. Guide my life and help me to do Your will. In Your name, amen.

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