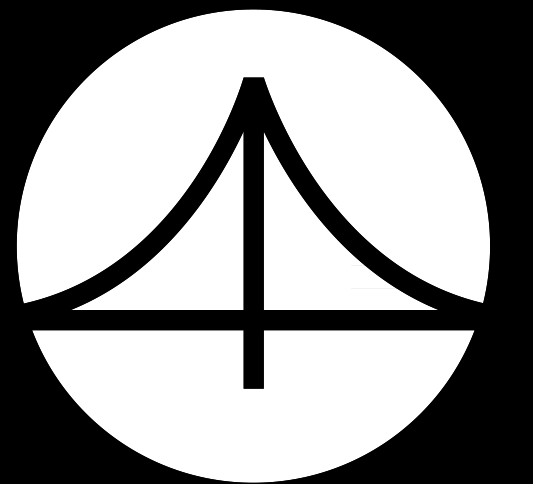


# Beatitudes: The Peacemakers

Matthew 5:9



**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they  
shall be called sons of God.**

- **Understanding True Peacemaking**
- **The Path to Peace**
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# Understanding True Peacemaking

- True peace is positive - overall well-being
- Peacemakers are people who bring reconciliation
- Why do we have conflict?

**“What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel.”**

*–James 4:1-2*

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**“I want you to fight Nazism without arms, or, if I am to retain the military terminology, with non-violent arms. I would like you to lay down the arms you have as being useless for saving you or humanity. You will invite Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini to take what they want of the countries you call your possessions. Let them take possession of your beautiful island, with your many beautiful buildings. You will give all these but neither your souls, nor your minds. If these gentlemen choose to occupy your homes, you will vacate them. If they do not give you free passage out, you will allow yourself man, woman and child, to be slaughtered, but you will refuse to owe allegiance to them.”**

*–Gandhi*

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# The Path to Peace

- Requires us to follow the path of the beatitudes
- Practical Steps:
  1. Pray
  2. Go with humility
  3. Be honest
  4. Be willing to be reconciled
  5. Bear the cost
  6. Realize that peace isn't always possible

Matthew 5:9



# The Promise to Peacemakers

- They shall be called sons of God
- Our heavenly Father is a peacemaker, and when we bring peace, we are showing a family resemblance

Matthew 5:9