



Breathing Hope into Your Relationships:

Living With Peace
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Colossians 3:12-15

"And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body, you are called to live in peace." Colossians 3:15

A Word of caution for entering into binding relationships

"How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever?" 2 Corinthians 6:14-16

The way to live with Peace - Philippians 4:4-9

⇒ Rejoice in the Lord always - vs 4

Breathing IN / Receiving from Jesus First
 Focus on Jesus - Philippians 2:1

⇒ Demonstrate your commitment to peace - vs 5

Owning your parts on both sides: Forgiveness & Confession

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." Romans 12:18

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

⇒ Replace anxious thoughts with the practice of prayer – vs 6

Anxiety "a desire to be in control where God has not given us control."

"Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?" Matthew 6:27

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

⇒ Breathe in from the perfect not the imperfect – vs 8

Change your expectations on those around you
 Find your needs being met in your relationship with Jesus

⇒ Enter into the peace of God and abandon outcomes to Him – vs 7,9

External Peace & Happiness = Depends on what Happens to You
 Internal Peace – A gift as a result of trust & obedience

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace **as you trust in him**, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* Romans 15:13

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:27

Prayer: I relinquish my agenda for this _____ and I submit myself to you and your kingdom purposes. In all situations I abandon outcomes to you, praying, **'Your Will, Your Way, Your Time.'**

"Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful." Colossians 3:12-15

"Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and **thank him** for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:4-9

Questions for Reflection / Discussion

Have you ever been in a time where you experienced internal peace, despite going through difficult circumstances? If you, how do you describe this to others?

What does a peace maker do? Do you consider yourself a peacemaker?

What is one of the most difficult circumstances to trust God for peace through?

At the close of this series of talks on relationships, what do you think God is asking to do now? Or more of in general? Less of?

