

## BEING A PEACEMAKER VS. KEEPING THE PEACE

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*  
Matthew 5:9

- PEACEMAKERS NOT PEACEKEEPERS
- PEACEKEEPERS OFTEN AVOID CONFLICT TO KEEP THE PEACE.
- PEACEMAKERS EMBRACE CONFLICT TO MAKE PEACE.

### WHAT DO PEACEMAKERS DO?

#### 1) TELL THE TRUTH IN LOVE.

*Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ...*  
Ephesians 4:15 NLT

- *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*  
Ephesians 4:29

#### 2) APOLOGIZE WHEN YOU ARE WRONG.

- *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.* James 5:16

#### 3) FORGIVE AND LET GO.

- *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.* Colossians 3:13

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