## Keys to Blessings Be a Bridge Builder July 2, 2023

Matthew 5:9 (NIV) "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." **Key Thought**: Peace is not in the absence of, but in the \_\_\_\_\_ of, Jesus. It's not being emptied out, but being \_\_\_\_\_ up. **Shalom:** wholeness, completeness, fulfillment, inner rest. Living without deficiency or lack. Key Thought: God has called us to be peacemakers not How do we become a peacemaker? 1. We experience peace in our \_\_\_\_\_. ✓ Peace with our \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 5:1-2 (NLT) Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. ✓ Peace within Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Key Thought**: When a problem causes you to lose your peace, don't hurry to resolve the problem in hopes of regaining peace, but \_\_\_\_\_ regain peace and then see what can be done

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	John 10:10 (ESV) "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."		John 10:10 (ESV) "The thief come destroy. I came that they may have abundantly."
	✓ See others through		✓ See others through
	Genesis 1:27 (NIV) So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.		Genesis 1:27 (NIV) So God created in the image of God he created their created them.
	✓ Spread peace by peace.		✓ Spread peace by
	"Be the peace you wish to see in the world." - Martin Luther King Jr.		"Be the peace you wish to see in th King Jr.
	James 3:18 (NLT) And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.		James 3:18 (NLT) And those who seeds of peace and reap a harvest of
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	John 17:22-23 (MSG) "The same glory you gave me, I gave them, so they'll be as unified and together as we are— I in them and you in me. Then they'll be mature in this oneness, and give the godless world evidence, that you've sent me and loved them, in the same way you've loved me."		John 17:22-23 (MSG) "The same them, so they'll be as unified and them and you in me. Then they'll be give the godless world evidence, them, in the same way you've love
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