

# CROSS CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2022

**PRESSURE POINTS**

**PART 4: DIFFICULT  
PEOPLE... "THOSE PEOPLE"**

**I CANNOT CHANGE ANY OF THE PEOPLE AROUND  
ME. I CAN ONLY CHANGE ME!**

**I WILL NOT CHANGE WITH TIME!  
I WILL CHANGE BY CHOICE!**

*COLOSSIANS 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,*

*ROMANS 12:14-18 Bless those who persecute you. Bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but enjoy the company of the lowly. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Carefully consider what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible on your part, live at peace with everyone.*

## **HOW DO WE FIND TRUE RELATIONAL PEACE?**

### **ROMANS 12:14**

#### **1. Bless "those people."**

*ROMANS 12:1 In view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

### **ROMANS 12:15**

#### **2. Have sympathy and empathy for "those people."**

### **ROMANS 12:16**

#### **3. Live in harmony with "those people."**

**JESUS DIDN'T TELL US TO BE RIGHT.  
HE TOLD US TO BE LOVING.**

**STOP LISTENING TO RESPOND AND CORRECT  
–LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND!**

**EPHESIANS 4:2** ...Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

**BEING OFFENDED IS INEVITABLE–  
LIVING OFFENDED IS A CHOICE.**

**PROVERBS 19:11** A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.

**OVERLOOK:** Hebrew word *avor* means to "Pass Over."

**ROMANS 12:17**

**4. Let your life be a witness to "those people"**

**1 TIMOTHY 4:12** ...set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

**ROMANS 12:18**

**5. Live at peace with "those people"**

**IT TAKES 2 TO RECONCILE–  
BUT IT ONLY TAKES 1 TO FORGIVE.**

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**What is the Holy Spirit speaking to me today, and how can I apply it?**

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