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PART SEVEN

The Family Business

Matthew 5:9; Galatians 5:22

Synopsis: *Peacemakers are a people without a tribe. Not taking sides but rather seeking to bring people together, peacemakers often alienate everyone. In the kingdom of Jesus, they will finally find a place of belonging, discovering that they have been carrying on the King's family business. And it is this knowledge that fuels faithfulness in the hard work.*

The Beatitudes Twist

The Divine Conspiracy, by Dallas Willard (1998)

Instead of recommended postures with rewards, these are suffering states (cf. **Luke 6:20-23**)

Each deficit, in contact with the kingdom of God, reverses course into a trajectory of blessedness

Overlaying the 9 fruits of the Spirit with the 9 Beatitudes: today peacemaking pairs with faithfulness

The Peacemakers Shall Be Called the Children of God

Hapax Legomenon: a coinage of Jesus

What is *peace*? Beyond the absence of conflict: the presence of harmonious healthy cohesion

Two kinds of "peace": "making peace *with*" vs "making peace": see **Matthew 10:34-36**; also **Matthew 4:8-11**

The family business: Jerusalem: **the city of peace; the rain of peace; showing the way to wholeness**;

The elusive pursuit of Shalom in the broken world: **52-23-44-2**

Jesus' mission: **Luke 1:79**; peace be with you: **Luke 24:36**; **John 20:19**

Kingdom Peacemaking: bringing life into death zones by "dying"

The most common form of "dying" is "not belonging anywhere": see **Hebrews 11:13-14**

Standing in the middle: no country of their own

A different priority: us over me

Not trusting people: **John 2:24**; Who is my mother? **Matthew 12:46-50**; Foxes have holes: **Matthew 8:20**

This insistence to stand in no-man's land is *faith*

To do so again and again is *faithfulness*: our parallel fruit of the Spirit in **Galatians 5:22**

The promise of a harvest of right (relationships) from faithful peacemaking: **James 3:18**

Listening, seeing other view points, imagination, perseverance

The loneliness into which the sweet company of Jesus comes

The place name Jerusalem (pronounced *yerushalaim* in Hebrew) is a combination of two words. The first is *yeru* meaning "flow". This word has several applications such as the flowing of water in a river, the throwing of something as being flowed out of the hand or as the flowing of a finger in the sense of pointing out the way one should go. This last use is the use in the name *yerushalaim*. The *shalayim* is from the word *shalam* meaning complete and whole (the word Shalom is also derived from *shalam*, while it is usually translated as peace it more means to be complete or whole). When these two words are put together they mean something like "pointing the way to completeness".

- 1. to throw, shoot, cast, pour
 - 1. (Qal)
 - 1. to throw, cast
 - 2. to cast, lay, set
 - 3. to shoot arrows
 - 4. to throw water, rain
 - 2. (Niphal) to be shot
 - 3. (Hiphil)
 - 1. to throw, cast
 - 2. to shoot
 - 3. to point out, show
 - 4. to direct, teach, instruct
 - 5. to throw water, rain

Strong's Definitions [?]

Jerusalem has a long and turbulent history, having been attacked a total of 52 times. Additionally, it has been besieged 23 times and captured and recaptured 44 times throughout its history. The city has also been destroyed twice