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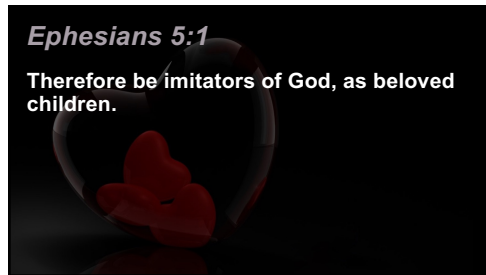
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***Sovereign Over Relationships***  
God commands us to be in relationship with others to help us grow in faith.



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***James 3:18 NIV***  
Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.



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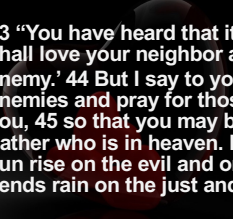
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***Matthew 5:43-45***  
43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.



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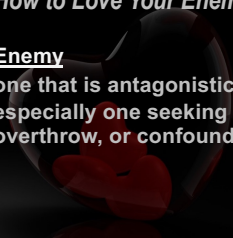
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*How to Love Your Enemy?*

**Enemy**  
one that is antagonistic to another;  
especially one seeking to injure,  
overthrow, or confound



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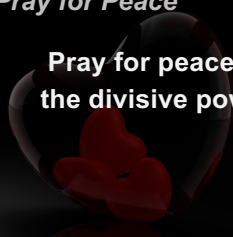
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*Pray for Peace*

**Pray for peace to break  
the divisive power of sin**



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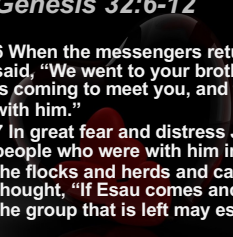
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***Genesis 32:6-12***

6 When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, "We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him."  
7 In great fear and distress Jacob divided the people who were with him into two groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well. 8 He thought, "If Esau comes and attacks one group, the group that is left may escape."



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**Genesis 32:6-12**

9 Then Jacob prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, Lord, you who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,' 10 I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps.

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**Genesis 32:6-12**

11 Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children. 12 But you have said, 'I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.'"

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**Genesis 32:24-28**

24 So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. 26 Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

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**Genesis 32:24-28**

27 The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. 28 Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

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**Pray for Peace**

1. Cast your cares on the Lord

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**1 Peter 5:6-8**

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

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**Casting Care Prayer**

Lord, I am struggling with [ *fear, anger, discouragement, grief* ] over the [ *circumstance* ] and I choose to cast this care on you. I ask you to save me from it and trust you to carry this burden for me. Help me not to pick this burden again. In Jesus name, amen!

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**Pray for Peace**

Pray for peace to break the divisive power of sin

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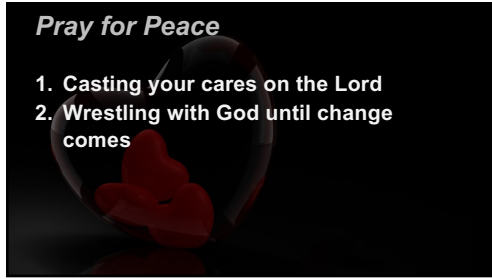
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*Pray for Peace*

1. Casting your cares on the Lord
2. Wrestling with God until change comes



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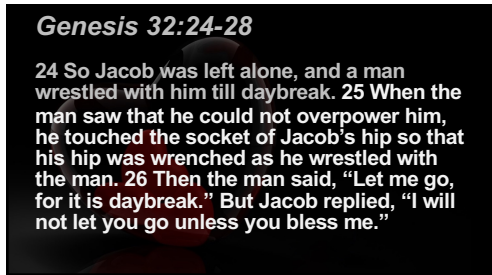
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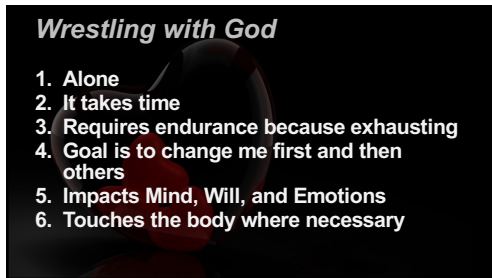
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*Wrestling with God*

1. Alone
2. It takes time
3. Requires endurance because exhausting
4. Goal is to change me first and then others
5. Impacts Mind, Will, and Emotions
6. Touches the body where necessary



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*Pray for Peace*

1. Casting your cares on the Lord
2. Wrestling with God until change comes
3. Praying for the peace of [New] Jerusalem

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*Matthew 5:9 AMP*

9 "Blessed [spiritually calm with life-joy in God's favor] are the makers and maintainers of peace, for they will [express His character and] be called the sons of God.

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*Colossians 4:12*

Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

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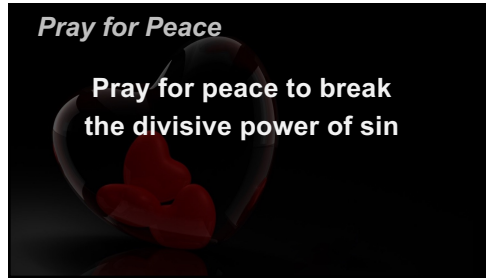
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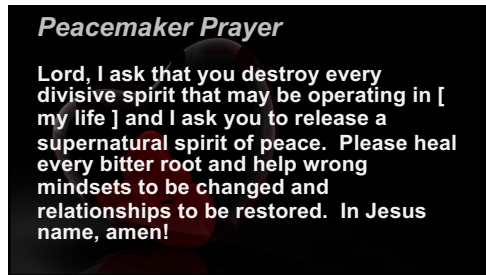
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