# Flow of Shalom

Saturday, February 14, 2026 4:27 PM

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Good Evening,

We are so excited to be back here with you all again. Let's begin with your homework.

How have you been doing with your Abigail and Nabal cards?

Sermons:
- Colt .45 Peacemaker (3 answers)
- After-Nun Delight (3 answers)

Once again, these sermons greatly enhance our sessions and serve as a phenomenal source of conversation at home throughout the week.

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This week is lesson 3 - The Flow of Shalom
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Let's turn to our first passage.
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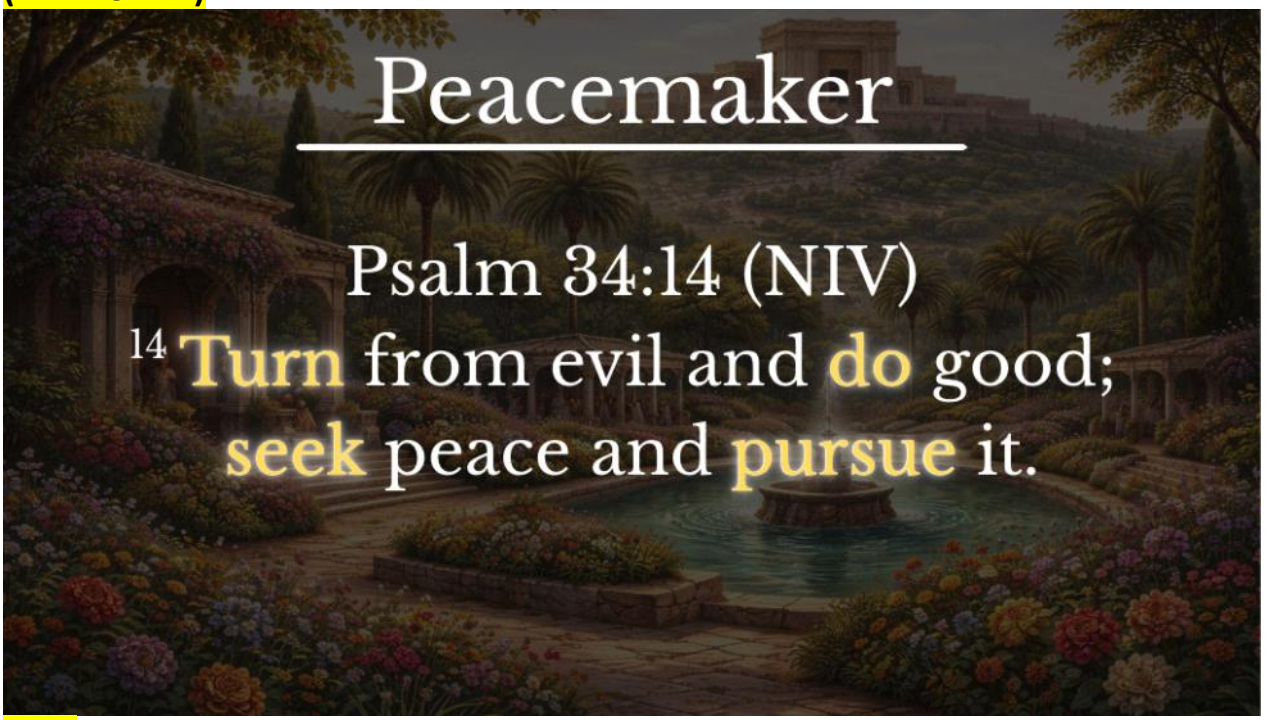
- **Matthew 5:9 (ESV)**
  9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

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Contrary to the cultural perspective on the word *Peace*, the only way to establish true Shalom is through action, not inaction. This is why Jesus uses the word—Peacemaker—shalom is MADE, it does not merely happen. We can see this clearly in Psalm 34.

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All of these verbs are ACTION verbs in the imperative tense! They are not suggestions or requests, they are necessary actions that must be done in order to obtain peace. Shalom MUST be pursued, or else you will never find it.

So, if we want to pursue peace, live in it and be called sons of God, its worth asking—how does Adonai view Shalom?

JODY

- **Leviticus 26:6–8 (NIV)**
  6 “ ‘I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid. I will remove wild beasts from the land, and the sword will not pass through your country. 7 You will **pursue** your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you. 8 Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will **chase** ten thousand, and your **enemies will fall** by the sword before you.

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This passage is a excellent example of peace-making. For most of us, it is not natural to think of peace in this way. The first few descriptors like lying down with no one to make you afraid, removing wild beasts and the sword not passing through your country definitely would fit within most people's definition of peace. However, by the time we get to pursuing your enemies and them falling by the sword, few people would describe that as peace. It sounds more like war —It sounds like conflict. The Scripture makes it clear that the presence of war does not negate Shalom, and Peace is not the cessation of conflict. In fact, true Shalom is engaging in Adonai's battles and having Adonai's priorities regardless of the circumstances.



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Most of us would probably not describe this image and passage as a peaceful setting—but according to Adonai it is! Shalom is being made through action. Since we are not usually driving out wild beasts, you should instead replace them with idols and your own Nabal. The key is this: Peace is not obtained through Passivity. It comes from actions that remove idols.

INTERACTION with your tables:

- Give some examples at your tables where avoiding conflict or peaceKEEPING destroyed peace?
- Now the positive, Give some examples at your tables where fighting for peace or peaceMAKING created long-term peace in your homes?

Your family will be in Shalom when you are all together aggressively removing idols

and replacing them with right order with Adonai.

Because of the action it requires to be in shalom, it means that you are living in one of two realities at all times, there is no middle ground. Let's compare two passages.

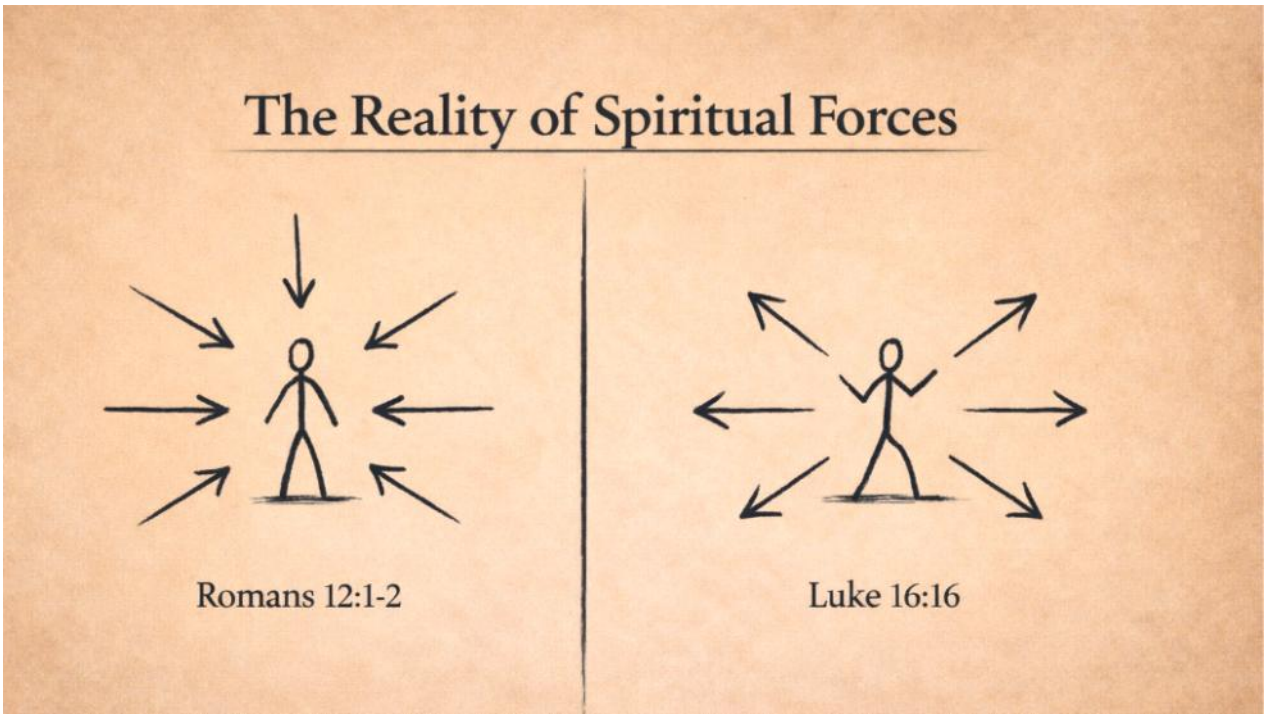
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Let's show you these verses in another way.



The first reality is seen in Romans 12. Everywhere you go there is a pattern of this world trying make you conform to its ways. This requires transformation in our minds so that we can live in the other reality in Luke 16. This reality is not on the defensive or in a neutral state—it is on the offensive. This is what shalom is all about, forcing your way into right order with God and those around you through righteous actions, whatever it takes.

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We must strive as couples to live in the Luke 16 reality where we are both on the offensive against he conforming patterns of this world and making shalom in every circumstance.

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- **Isaiah 9:6 — NIV 1984**
  For to us a child is born,
  to us a son is given,
  and the government will be on his shoulders.
  And he will be called
  Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
  Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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There is almost no chapter in the Gospels that does not show Jesus in contention; yet the Bible declares him as The Prince of Shalom.

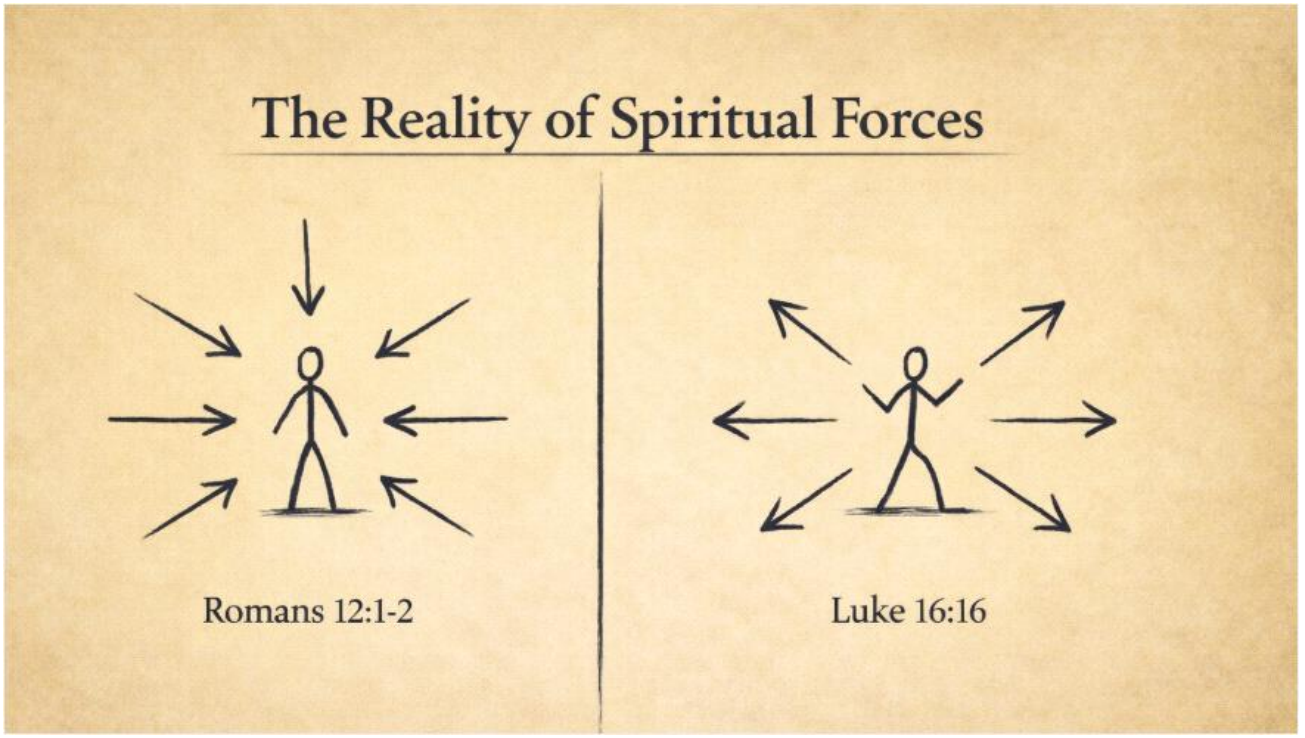
Think of the stories of Jesus confronting, correcting, rebuking everywhere He goes. As He did the Father's will, His actions and words constantly provoked those around Him. Think of how people reacted to Him at times. He would engage and boldly speak truth into every situation ultimately exposing what was going on underneath the surface so that people either reconciled to Adonai or were brought into greater contention with Him, but He never backed down or shied away because of intimidation or threats.

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- **John 14:25-27 ESV**
  25 “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.
  26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.
  27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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What has Jesus given you? Since He doesn't take it back…how is peace lost?




As we mentioned earlier about the reality of spiritual forces, if you are not actively pursuing peace by bringing the things within you and around you into alignment with the Word of God, you will naturally begin to conform to worldly thinking and behavior. Because this stands in opposition to God's ways, you will lose your peace.

It really is that simple: the more you conform to worldly thinking and behavior, the more you will stand opposed to God's ways—and the less peace you will have. This is how peace is lost.

Let's ask another question: What is the insurmountable obstacle to Gospel advancement?

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- **Matthew 10:11–13 (NIV 1984)**
  **11** "Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay at his house until you leave.
  **12** As you enter the home, give it your greeting.
  **13** If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you.

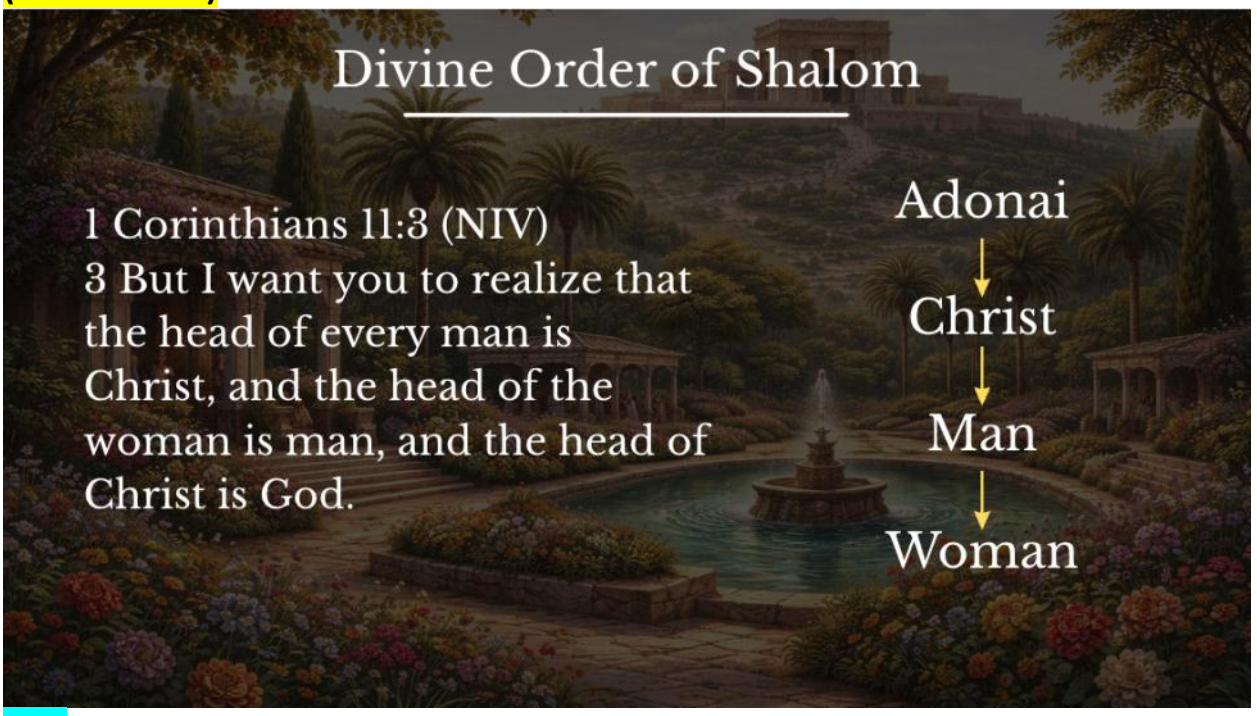
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Jesus is giving instructions to His disciples as they go out to the surrounding towns to minister. If the home is deserving, He tells them to let their peace rest on it. So as they go out, what do they have to offer the people they encounter? Their Peace, their Shalom! If they do not possess peace, what would they actually have to offer anyone? Shalom is the requirement to advance in the Kingdom!

Now that we have discussed the obstacles to Shalom and the solution to making it in our families, lets talk about the divine order of Shalom.

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The problem when Shalom is not present is not the structure and order of the family, that is from Adonai. The problem is always the presence of sin and nabal. Shalom begins with Adonai himself. This divine ordering absolutely flows down to the rest of the family.



It is not demeaning to think of Children being underneath their parents. Moreover, Adonai being the head of Christ is not demeaning, Scripture lays that out in several places. It is also not demeaning that Man is submitted to Christ. The divine order continues and wives are called to submit to their husbands, who are their head and source of Shalom that begin with Adonai, this is also not demeaning in any way!
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The order expressed in 1 Corinthians 11:2 is not grounded in a difference of capability between man and woman, but in the divine order established by God. Adonai's design is concerned with function and relational unity, not comparative ability. Difficulty can arise when men and women perceive little or no disparity in capability and therefore assume the order should be adjusted to reflect ability.

This reasoning is a trap.

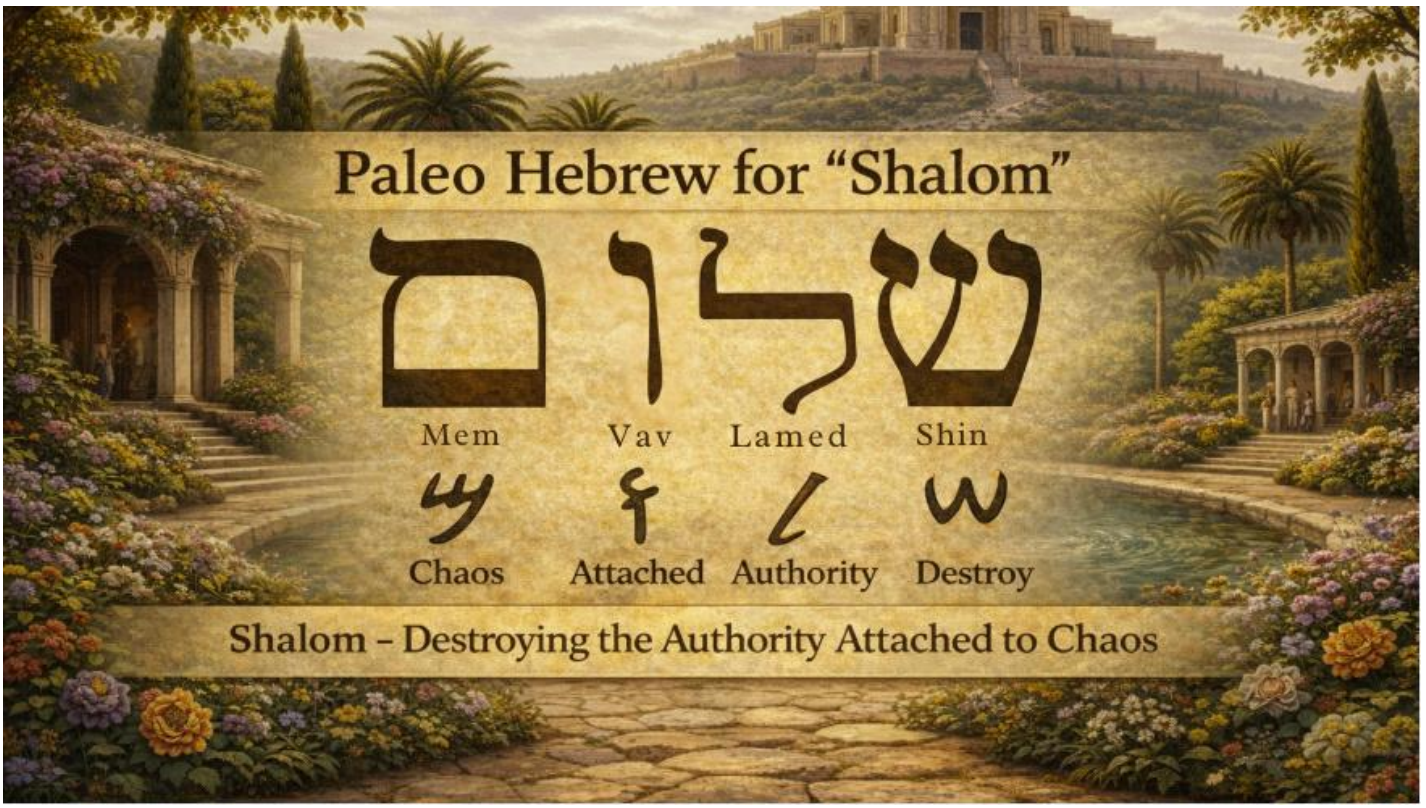
The order exists because it reflects God's intention for how relationships are to function under His authority. The proper response is to trust that Adonai works through His appointed order, even when capability appears equal, and to submit to His design rather than attempting to redefine it.

The Lord is helping us to have the proper definition of peace and with everything we have covered tonight we want to help give you a few ways to remember the beauty of the word and concept of Shalom. Take a look at this:



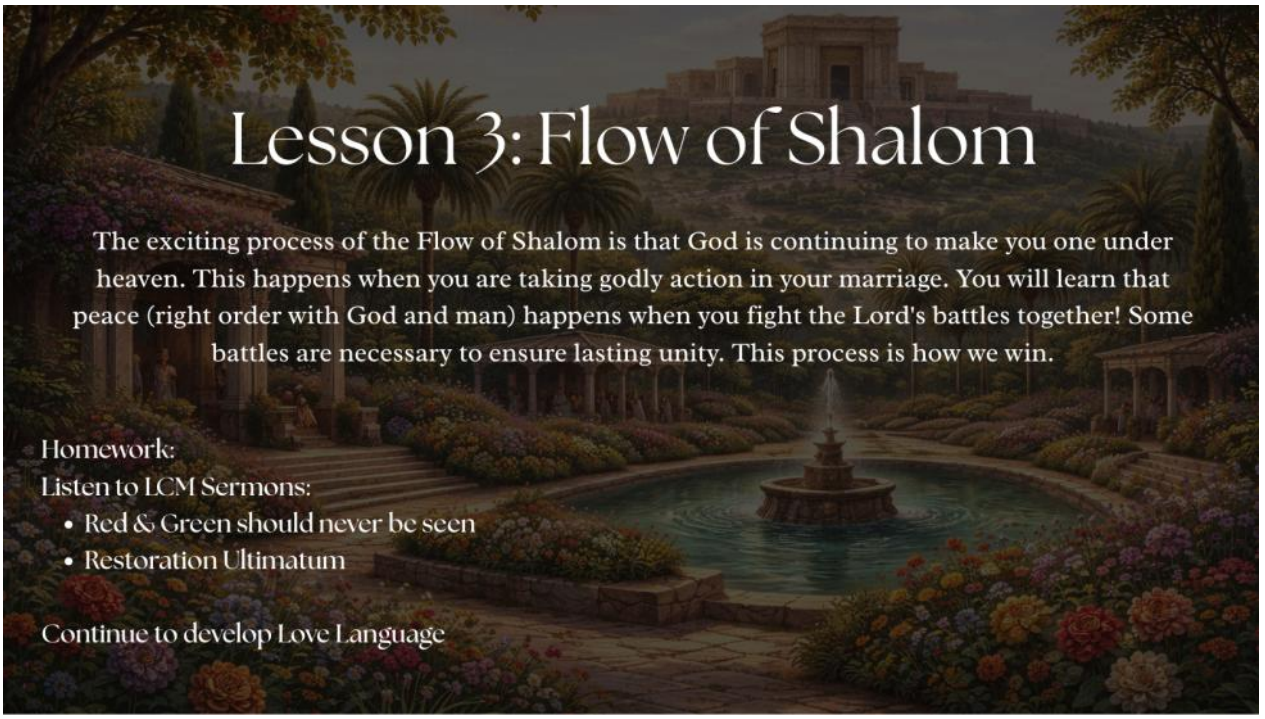
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When you think of peace, it is when you are in perfect submission to the one who is the head or Lord over your life. We saw that Christ operated in perfect submission to the will of God for His life. When the husband is operating in perfect submission to Christ as Lord over his life, he is in shalom. When the wife is operating in perfect submission to her husband as her head, she is in perfect Shalom. The same is true with children to their parents.




When we look at the ancient forms of the Hebrew characters that the word Shalom is composed of, an exciting definition emerges from the descriptive words associated with each symbol.

Shalom is destroying the authority attached to chaos. Just like we spoke of earlier concerning the reality of Spiritual forces, when you engage in the right battles that God puts before you and you handle them the right way, you are destroying the works of the devil and advancing the Kingdom of God. This is what it means to be a peacemaker and this is the definition of peace that all Christ followers should be carrying.
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For next week, you need to listen to two more LCM sermons:

- Red and Green should never been seen
- Restoration Ultimatum

Additionally, keep practicing uses of Abigail and Nabal cards and keep working on your love languages.