

# Building A Kingdom Culture Pursuing Peace

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## 1. Introduction

- Politics
- Internet Arguments
- The need for validation
- Social unrest
- Relational/family breakdown

## 2. The startling absence of peace in our world . . .

### 3. Peace is a blessing from the Lord

- Inner experience of deep contentment

*Numbers 6:24 “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”*

*Psalms 29:11 “The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace”*

*Isaiah 26:3 “You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.”*

- Spiritual peace with God
- Salvation, forgiveness, connection

*Romans 5:1 “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”*

*Psalms 119:165 “Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make the stumble.”*

### 4. This kind of peace requires:

- obedience
- trust
- a love for God’s ways

## 5. Peace is a Relational Treasure

### Resolving Relational Issues (using the right tools)

- Forgiveness
- Apology/humility
- Listening for understanding
- Letting go of the need to be right

*Matthew 5:9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”*

*Romans 12:8 “If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”*

### Blessing others with peace

- Cannot give what you do not have
- Bless freely

*Luke 10:5-6 “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them: if not, it will return to you.”*

### Prayer & Jesus Questions

- Lord, is there anything in my life that is preventing me from experiencing more of your perfect peace?
- Lord, is there someone in my life I need to pursue peace with?