

**October 20 | Sunday**

Oh, What a Beautiful Morning... Join the Peace Corps

Read [Matthew 5:9](#)



**21 | Mon – Maker or keeper** | Read [Matthew 5:9](#)

In Matthew's record of the sermon on the mountain, notice how Jesus said "blessed are the peacemakers" instead of "blessed are the peacekeepers." What is the difference between these two words? Both are important in different situations. As you think about relationships in your life, do you find yourself being more a peacekeeper than a peacemaker? OR are you the one who likes to 'stir the pot'?

**22 | Tue – Who's the boss?** | Read [Ephesians 2:11-18](#)

Humans are born self-centered and unable, in their natural state, to submit to God or others. Just watch a two-year-old to see evidence of this. Jesus' mission was to reconcile God and humankind. When you find peace with God in your soul, then you can make peace with others. It starts by confessing the sin of considering yourself the final authority in your life. When you submit to God's authority, something significant happens. Have you ever had this conversation with the Lord? If so, what happened?

**23 | Wed – Facing stress** | Read [John 14:27](#) and [16:33](#)

On the last evening before his death, Jesus promised peace to his followers. Not a peace they could manufacture but his own peace. Imagine having peace in the face of certain death. In situations when things may be out of control, you can still have this supernatural peace filling your heart. Have you experienced it before? If not, you can when you focus your attention on the One who makes everything right again.

**24 | Thu – Battle of the mind** | Read [Romans 8:6-7](#) / [2 Corinthians 10:5](#) / [Isaiah 55:8](#)

What you believe determines how you interpret life. You may be tempted to accept every thought coming into your head as from yourself but that is not always the case. When you recognize a thought pattern that is destroying your peace and confidence in the Lord, it may be from the enemy of your soul. His is an effective strategy because we rarely challenge our own thoughts. Paul urged the early Christians to allow their minds to be governed by the Spirit and look at things from God's point of view. How can you apply this to yourself?

**25 | Fri – Disunity** | Read [Ephesians 4:1-6](#)

There is no greater harm to the kingdom of God than when his citizens fight with each other. It gives great pleasure to the enemy to see disunity for several reasons. It discredits the Lord in the eyes of those watching. It becomes one more reason to reject God. And it limits the effectiveness of the body of Christ. How can you live in unity with believers you so strongly disagree with? Is it time to get back to the basics you can agree on? What are the priorities Jesus set for his followers?

**26 | Sat – A representative** | Read [2 Corinthians 5:17-21](#)

The peace available through Jesus Christ is good news. If you have experienced this peace, you are then given the ministry of reconciliation. You represent Jesus as his ambassador, looking for ways to share that good news. Not everyone will be interested in finding peace with God but the Holy Spirit can lead you to people who are. Will you be watchful for any opportunity to speak peace to those around you? Will you represent Jesus well?