



Steps to Reconciliation, Healing, and Restoration

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Take a Step...

- 1. Place your [faith](#) in Jesus Christ and [surrender](#) to the Prince of Peace**

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

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- 2. Hear the call of the Savior to [be a peacemaker](#) (take it really seriously)**

Matthew 5:9

*⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.*

Hebrews 12:14

¹⁴Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Matthew 5:23- 24

²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift."

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3. Open your eyes and ears to the very real brokenness in our world!

Jeremiah 8:11

¹¹ They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious.
"Peace, peace," they say,
when there is no peace.

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4. Begin making peace in your life, neighborhood, and church

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

¹² Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

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5. Do all you can to build people up

Romans 14: 19

¹⁹ Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

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6. Embrace and live the "Golden Rule"

Matthew 7: 12

¹² So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

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7. Forgive, ask for forgiveness, and accept forgiveness

Matthew 6:12

*¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

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8. Pray for peace... and then pray some more!

Psalm 122: 6-8

⁶ *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:*

"May those who love you be secure,

⁷ *May there be peace within your walls
and security within your citadels."*

⁸ *For the sake of my family and friends,
I will say, "Peace be within you."*

Take a Step...

9. Share the [good news](#) that tears down [dividing](#) walls

Ephesians 2:14-18

¹⁴ *For he himself is our **peace**, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself **one new humanity out of the two**, thus making **peace**, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to **death their hostility**. ¹⁷ He came and preached **peace** to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.*