



Peacemaking – A Call to Preparedness

Did you know there is a website devoted to training in Peacemaking skills? Check out PeaceMaker Ministries at www.peacemaker.net.

Here is a little bit about them:

Welcome to the exciting world of Peacemaking!

This web site is designed to introduce you to Peacemaker Ministries and assist you in learning and applying the powerful conflict resolution principles God has given to us through Scripture.

First, some background: Peacemaker Ministries was founded in 1982 by a group of pastors, lawyers, and business people who wanted to encourage and assist Christians to respond to conflict biblically.

Since then we have developed educational resources, seminars, and conciliation training to help Christians learn how to serve God as peacemakers in the conflicts they encounter in everyday life.

Source: www.peacemaker.net

It's amazing with the abundance of resources and the awareness of the reality of conflict, how much we still struggle with peacemaking. But we do serve a God who is greater than this issue and who is willing to use our meager efforts to make peace.

Just before he was stoned Stephen re-told Moses' story about a failed attempt at Peacemaking and how God used Moses in spite of his failure.

Scripture

Read Acts 7:23-38

Discovery Questions

1. What mistake did Moses make in v. 24?

2. How did that mistake affect Moses' future attempt at peacemaking? (vs. 26-29)

3. How was God able to use Moses anyway? (vs. 35-36)

Journaling

Which verse spoke most powerfully to me? Why?

Prayer: Spend some time in prayer conversing with your God. Use the following ideas as a potential guide to your prayer time.

- Ask God to bring you opportunities where you can be a source of peacemaking.
- Ask God to help you overcome insecurity and doubt from past opportunities where you had failed in attempts at making peace.
- Ask Him to give you the strength to move forward and forget about what happened in the past.
- Ask God to make you aware of where He is at work around you and to give you the strength to join Him there.