Let Us Not Grow Weary of Pursuing Peace

"MAY THE LORD OF PEACE HIMSELF GIVE YOU PEACE AT ALL TIMES IN EVERY WAY"   2 THESSALONIANS 3:16

Pursuing Peace is an Activity

8 Sins of Discord in Galatians 5:19 nkjv

▶ Hatred

▶ Contentions

▶ Jealousies

▶ Outbursts of Wrath

▶ Selfish Ambitions

▶ Dissentions

▶ Heresies

▶ Envy

Pursuing Peace is an Activity

▶ I Peter 3:10 & 11 "Whoever would love life and see good days… must seek peace and pursue it"

▶ Mark 9:50 "Have salt among yourselves and be at peace with each other"

Pursuing Peace is an Activity

God is our Ultimate Example of Pursuing Peace

▶ Romans 5:1 "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

Averting Strife and Division:

- Cultivating Relationships

- Showing Love

- Counting Blessings

Making Choices:

▶ Responding to Conflict

▶ Proverbs 17:14 " The beginning of strife is like letting out water, so quit before the quarrel breaks out:

▶ James 1:19 "be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger."

▶ Romans 12:17 we are never to return evil for evil, we are to battle evil with good.

Making Choices

▶ Confronting Difficult Situations

  ▶ Galatians 6:1 "If a man is overtaken in any trespass you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness…"

  ▶ Sandwich method

    1. Positive feedback

    2. Provide constructive criticism

    3. End on a positive note

Making Choices

- **Resolving Conflicts**
  - Forgive, it's a decision not an emotion
  - Ask for Forgiveness
    - Matthew 5:23-24 if you remember that someone has something against you to be reconciled to them before giving your gift to God

Abigail
I Samuel 25:14-35

1. Abigail became aware of a problem, verse 17

2. Abigail acted quickly, verse 18

3. Abigail made preparation, verse 18 & 19

4. Abigail bridged the distance, verse 20

5. Abigail humbled herself, verse 23

6. Abigail assumed the blame, verse 24

7. Abigail made no excuses, verse 25

8. Abigail made restitution, verse 27

9. Abigail asked for forgiveness, verse 28

It's up to Us

▶ As much as its up to you

▶ Blessed are the peacemakers

▶ Peace brings joy, Proverbs 12:20