

## Listen UP: Peacemaker

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**Urge:** Come alongside to help. Like a lawyer.

**In view of God's mercy:** (found in 1-11)

Two of God's Mercies are Love and Grace.

The mercies of God are found in chapters 1-11:

- offer of salvation (Rom. 1:16)
- kindness toward those He saves (2:4; 11:22).
  - forgiveness of our sins (3:25; 4:7–8)
  - freedom from sin (6:18; 7:6).
  - right relationship with Him (5:10),
  - eternal life (5:21; 6:22–23)
  - resurrection of our bodies (8:11)
- Holy Spirit who indwells us (Rom. 8:9, 11)  
and intercedes for us (8:26)

\*\* In Christ we also have received the mercies of **faith** (mentioned thirty times in Romans 1–11), **peace** (1:7; 2:10; 5:1; 8:6), **hope** (5:2; 20 21)

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*Offer you bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. (vs. 1b)*

— Jesus was the only sacrifice who was willing to lay down his life.

— It is impossible without supernatural help.

**This is true and proper worship:**

Is there anything in your life that you are NOT ready to give to God?

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Sermon Part 2

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*14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. 17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.*

*18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.*

*19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:14-21*

**Bless:** (those who persecute you): 'speak over'

— Continually bless those who are a continual problem.

*If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. (12:18)*

**\*\*Life is too short and our mission is too important to live offended.**

*A person's wisdom yields patience;  
it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.  
Proverbs 19:11*

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## **Peacemaking process...**

- 1. Realize and remember the limitations of others**  
(and keep your own in mind).

### **Jesus responded to disciples:**

Realized their limitations.

Chose to see their potential.

Decided to think the best.

Met them where they were and taught them to be disciples.

**2. Start with Grace and lead toward Truth.**

Jesus never called us to be right, he taught us to be loving.

**3. Be willing to go further than you want to go.**

If possible... So far as it depends on you...

**4. Choose to be a peacemaker.**

**\*\*Remember Romans 12:1-2**

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