

## The Gospel and Peacemaking

Romans 12:14-21

1) Peacemakers walk an <u>unnatural</u> path.

- 2) Peacemakers <u>accept</u> their limitations.
  - Success is faithfully doing my part.
  - Success is <u>allowing God</u> to do His part.

- 3) Peacemakers utilize the <u>ultimate weapon</u>.
  - Deliberate, focused <u>acts</u> of love
  - A good that <u>trumps</u> all evil

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## My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1. Read Romans 12:14-21. Make a list of all the imperatives (commands) you see. What qualifiers or limits do you see?
- 2. Has there been a time you received this kind of unmerited blessing from someone? How did it affect you?
- 3. What does it mean to be overcome by evil, in this context?
- 4. What is a deliberate, focused way you could respond to evil with love? (Be specific)
- 5. The lifestyle described in this passage is "wise and noble" but it's not "natural." What motivates you to choose it? What kind of help do you need?

## Memory Verse

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."

Matthew 5:9