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Sermon Title: "Where are the Peacemakers?"
Text: Matthew 5:9 (ESV)
Series: "Above the Noise"

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. (Matthew 5:9)

1. Peace with God (Ephesians 2:12-16)

Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

2. Peace with Yourself (Colossians 3:15, John.14:27)

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"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body."

John 14:27

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." Sometimes it is not the outer turmoil, it is the inner turmoil!

3. Peace with Others (Romans 12:18)

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"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.":

Proverbs 18:19

A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city,
And contentions are like the bars of a citadel. (NASB)

How to deal with offence?

1. Take it to the Lord first. (prayer and reflection)
2. What can you overlook?
3. Who do I need to go to? (is this offence even mine?)
4. Forgive and set yourself free.

1 Corinthians 10:32

"Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God."

Romans 16:17

Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.