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# **KEEP THE** PEACE



"Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone." Romans 12:18 NLT

Someone's done you wrong! Sooner or later, it happens to all of us. We all get hurt or disappointed by others. It's as predictable as it is painful. Yet when it happens, we find ourselves caught off guard. In our outrage, we cry out to God against the one who wronged us. We ask for justice, or even vengeance, and end up making things worse for everyone involvedincluding ourselves. If this sounds like you, it's time to learn to get a better perspective from God's Word so you can cope next time someone does you wrong.

#### AIM FOR PEACE

"Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement." (Philippians 4:2 NLT) In his letter to the church of Philippi, Paul encouraged these two ministers to get along. Much like today, we can experience conflicts with our fellow believers. One of the challenges working in the church is seeing the flaws and defects of your supervisors or colleagues. Even though our expectation of believers is high, we must remember that no leader or helper is perfect. We all have personality deficiencies, and we are all a work in progress! We must overlook the faults of others so we can stay focused on the call and the task at hand. Paul encouraged the Ephesian believers with this practical advice: "Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace." (Ephesians 4:2-3 NLT)

### **OUR HUMAN FRAILTY**

The Psalmist penned this beautiful passage describing how God sees our human condition: "The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust." (Psalms 103:13-14 NLT) Isaiah describes us as clay on the potter's wheel. "And yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter. We all are formed by your hand." (Isaiah 64:8 NLT) God remembers and understands our human weakness. Jesus says He is the vine and we are the branches, and without Him, we can do nothing. (John 15:5) Whenever we ourselves or others fall short of our expectations, it helps to remember our human frailty.

#### GOD IS AT WORK IN US

We can get disappointed when we discover flaws in a Christian leader we admire. It shouldn't come as a surprise to us that every person God calls to leadership has faults. For example, Abraham, our Father of Faith, profited by lying, telling Abimelech that Sarah was his sister. (See Genesis 20:2-16) Moses committed murder and was a fugitive on the run from Egypt when God called him. As a leader, Moses also had an anger problem. (See Numbers 20:8-11) The Apostle Peter was impulsive, putting his foot in his mouth and he even denied knowing lesus, yet he became one of the greatest leaders in the early church. These are just a few of the many individuals who struggled with a difficult past and flawed personality, yet God called them to accomplish great things!

Paul reminded the Philippians that God is the one working in us. "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:" (Philippians 1:6 KJV) We are all in a process of growing and maturing in Christ. Having this perspective helps us when we work alongside others. We can give others grace and overlook their deficiencies. We can also be an example by showing love and forgiveness instead of becoming offended. "Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. (Col. 3:13 NLT)

#### **GROWTH BRINGS PEACE**

In the early church, Paul and Barnabas were a

strong missionary team called to bring the gospel to unreached nations. However, a disagreement caused them to part ways. The disagreement centred around John Mark, a young disciple who had quit his assignment on a previous journey. Barnabas wanted to give John Mark another chance, but Paul was against it. *"Their disagreement was so sharp that they separated..."* (Acts 15:39 NLT) However, many years later, Paul requested Timothy to bring Mark to him. *"Bring Mark with you when you come, for he will be helpful to me in my ministry."* (2 Timothy 4:11 NLT) This verse reveals two things: Paul was humble enough to change his mind about Mark, and Mark grew in maturity, becoming a useful minister. This example shows us that we can change and grow as believers and leaders. We can choose to mend past relationships and live in peace with one another in the Body of Christ.

In closing, let's put into practice Paul's advice and live in peace with one another: "And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are **called to live in peace**. And always be thankful." (Colossians 3:15 NLT)

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