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Beatitudes: THE PEACEMAKERS

Matthew 5:3-11: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Shalom: completeness, wholeness, health, flourishing, delight, safety, tranquility, rest; absence of agitation/discord/sin

Matthew 5:9: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (NIV)

FIRST INSTINCT: DIVIDE BY US VS. THEM

CATEGORIZE – concoct different groups/classes; assign a label: characterizing sin, weakness, reduce to the lowest common denominator

COMPARTMENTALIZE – to separate into ISOLATED, distinct tasks, usually to avoid conflict or discomfort...

New Posture: Contextualize

- Cease Hostilities

- Be Willing to Meet People Halfway
 - **1 Peter 3:15:** ...always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...

- Build on Common Ground

- Focus On Our Greatest Commonality
 - **Romans 3:22-24:** For there is no difference between US and THEM in this. Since we’ve compiled this long and sorry record as sinners...and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself...He got us out of the mess we’re in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.



**SERMON NOTES II
JUNE 12, 2022**

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Romans 12:18: If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Matthew 5:43-44: You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbor (fellow man) and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, love [that is, unselfishly seek the best or higher good for] your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Matthew 5:9: How joyful you are when you make peace! For then you will be recognized as a true child of God (TPT)