

“... pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart”
2 Timothy 2:22

March 7th 2021 - Asking: The Path to Peace



One of the greatest barriers to peace in our relationships is the expectation that people should read our minds. Have you ever been angry at a family member because they left you alone to clean the dishes? Then instead of asking them to help, you do it yourself while you stew in your frustration? Maybe you drop hints by clanging the dishes around to make noise so they'll hear it and come help, or by letting out long sighs, or saying, "Sure are a lot of dishes to do!" but the longer they're oblivious, the angrier you get. There's no peace in that.

Or maybe for your birthday, anniversary, or Christmas, your spouse asked you for gift ideas and you refused to tell them. You assumed your spouse should know what to get you, but then when you opened the 6-pack of eyebrow razors you were fuming inside. There's no peace in that.

Or maybe you expected your kids to clean their rooms without being told (you've already told them enough haven't you?) and when weeks go by and the mess piles up, you become more and more disappointed. There's no peace in that.

There's a much quicker path to peace: just ask for what you want or need. Jesus wasn't afraid to do that. Before entering Jerusalem, He said to His disciples, *"Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."* (Matthew 21:2-3). Before the Passover, He said to the disciples, *"Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, 'My time is near' I am to keep the Passover at your house with My disciples."* (Matt. 26:18). On the cross, He told the soldiers *"I am thirsty"* and they gave Him sour wine. (John 19:28-30). Jesus knew the disciples weren't mind readers and He didn't expect them to be. Instead, He asked for what He wanted and asked for what He needed.

Instead of fuming over the dishes, why not ask for help? I'm grateful to Edwin Crozier for a lesson he gave on getting to the deeper reason why we need help before we ask. Why do I need help with the dishes? Is it because I'm too overwhelmed with other things to do and I don't have time? Is it because I see dishwashing time as quality time with my kids? Am I feeling taken for granted because everyone assumes I'll clean them? When you get to the deeper why, it'll help you frame the question better. *"Honey, I feel like we haven't talked much lately, will you come help me with the dishes so we can catch up?"* Or *"Kids, when I ask you to clean your room, I'm not looking for you to do it once just because I said so. I'm trying to teach you to be good adults, so I expect you to clean your room once a week without me having to ask every time."* Or *"When I come home from work, I really need 10 minutes alone to decompress, then I'll be fully available the rest of the night to help with the kids."* Or *"When you come home from work, it would really make me feel loved if you gave me a hug."*

If we want peace, let's be clear on what we really need and ask. *"You do not have because you do not ask."* (James 4:2b) - Brian Messerli

Sunday Worship Services

9 a.m. Lord's Supper Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Class
10:45 a.m. Praise & Preaching

Wednesday Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

Elders

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Joe Rimmer 407-414-7393
Dave Weaver 407-782-1112
Tim Welsh 407-670-8279

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Matt Hinely, Terry Petty
Erik Quist, Rory Salimbene
Jack Thomas, Terry Tokash
Emory VanCleaf

Evangelists

Brian Messerli 407-300-2517
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The peace of God gives us inner _____ in the outer _____

1. Accept the Harsh _____ of Life in this Sin-Cursed World

▪ Acts 20:23b, 18-19

- We lose peace when we fixate on how hard and _____ life is.
- Paul never lived like he was entitled to a _____ life.

2. Know God's _____

▪ Acts 20:24b, 32

- The Bible is the word of God's grace that builds us up.
- Paul left his past _____ to the cross where it belongs (**1 Timothy 1:13-14**)

3. Be Assured of Heaven

▪ Acts 20:32, 24; 21:13; 2 Timothy 4:7-8

- We lose our peace when we watch our fingers so much we can't hear the _____
- No matter what happens in life, we can know where we're going and who we're going to be with for all eternity

4. Live in Line with Your Christian _____

▪ Acts 20:20, 26-27

- "Shalom" = completeness/wholeness. A double life creates a _____ self and we lose peace. (**James 4:8**)

5. Embrace the Network of Love and Support in the church

▪ Mark 10:30; Acts 20:4, 37-38; 21:5-6

- Paul's life was hard, but he wasn't _____. We lose peace when we feel we don't belong.

6. Be Content with what You Have

▪ Acts 20:33; 1 Timothy 6:6-9a

- We lose peace when we want what others have. _____ for what you have.

7. Spend Time _____ with God in Prayer

▪ Acts 20:13; Romans 15:30-31; Philippians 4:6-7

- We bring our emotional ups and downs to God and He calms us. Without it, we bottle things up until the pressure overwhelms us.

Questions for Self Reflection

1. What's the greatest barrier to peace in your life? What's the solution?
2. What are some practical ways to have more peace in your relationships with others?
3. How can you use the fact that people are searching for peace as part of your efforts to reach the lost?

Announcements

Sunday, March 7th, 2021

Please email all new announcements to announcements@psd.church.

SICK/HEALTH ISSUES:

- **Marilyn Petty** is still recovering from major back surgery. She has had her staples out, has taken herself off pain pills, and is up and moving a bit more. She's still sore and tender, and it's still a long road ahead.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PSD:

- **Pat Steele's son, Bruce**, has determined he'll have to live with the pain in his spine because of a spinal defect at birth. Also, his insurance won't cover more tests on his throat so he has to live with pureeing most of his food in order to eat.

TRAVELING:

- **Kerianne Park** is on a road trip with friends to Washington state.

SHUT-IN:

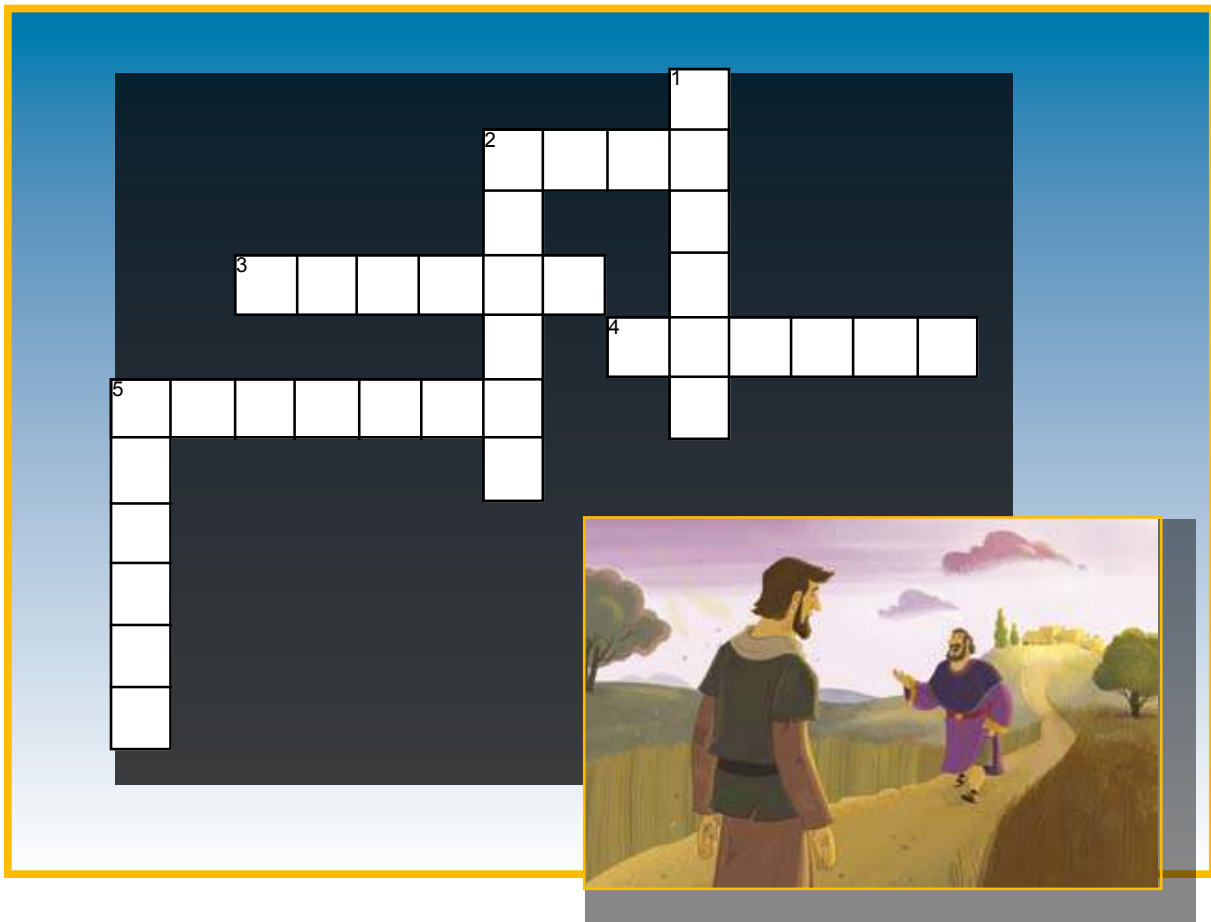
- **Anne Dickson**
- **Thurman and Lynna Davis**
- **Geny Harrison**
- **Patsy Holt**
- **Peggy Hunt**
- **Pat Steele**
- **Bea Deboe**

SPECIAL CONCERNS ABOUT GETTING COVID-19:

- **Carol Van Cleef**
- **Diane Thyben**
- **Mary Ann Rubright**
- **Anna Marcotte**



Prodigal Son Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. Where you live
3. A time when there is no food
4. To go on a trip
5. To not be angry about a mistake; excuse someone

DOWN

1. To come back
2. Wanting to eat
5. Not mother