

TO GO

1. Have you ever struggled to have peace in a relationship? Without disparaging the other party, describe the circumstances that led to your lack of peace. In what ways were you a contributor to the discord?
2. Read Col 1:20. Why must we be at peace with Christ in order to be the peacemakers that Christ intends for us to be?
3. Read James 3:13–18. What does James advocate for in this text? What does he say are the consequences of ignoring his exhortation?
4. Read Matthew 18:15–17. As you consider your own life, is there anyone with whom you are experiencing conflict? Make a plan to risk approaching that person today. Pray and ask for God to go before you to soften your heart and the heart of the person with whom you will speak. And then be courageous and follow through.
5. Read Phil 4:1–4. Why do you think Paul was so concerned for the relationship represented in this text? What does he ask the church to do about it? How can you be an agent of peace today?