

Bringing Peace

1 Samuel 25:12-38 (ESV)

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1. Admit how you tend to respond initially.

1 Samuel 25:12–13 ¹² So David's young men turned away and came back and told him all this. ¹³ And David said to his men, "Every man strap on his sword!" And every man of them strapped on his sword. David also strapped on his sword. And about four hundred men went up after David, while two hundred remained with the baggage.

Romans 12:17-18 ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

2. Be willing to be involved.

1 Samuel 25:17 ¹⁷ Now therefore know this and consider what you should do, for harm is determined against our master and against all his house, and he is such a worthless man that one cannot speak to him."

Psalms 34:12–14 ¹² What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

3. Be a peacemaker.

Matthew 5:16¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

John 14:27²⁷ 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.

John 16:33³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.