

A topographic map with brown contour lines and green shaded areas. A central graphic overlay consists of a white square with a purple border, containing the text 'PEACE POINTS' in purple. Four purple triangles point towards the center of the square from the top, bottom, left, and right. Below the square is a purple rectangular box with white text. The map features contour lines labeled '1100', '1000', '900', and '800'. A red dashed grid is overlaid on the map. A red 'X' marks a point on the map, with the number '6901' written next to it.

PEACE POINTS

WHEN CONFLICTS AND
DISPUTES ARISE, GOD PROVIDES THE
WAY TO GENUINE PEACE.

1

GET YOUR BEARINGS

Disputes and conflicts make it hard to think clearly. To respond to them God's way, you must think and see things as He does. Pause and take time to understand these Biblical truths that are the keys to finding peace.

God wants you to live at peace.

His desire is for you to enjoy peace with Him and to seek to live at peace with others every day. God's peace is more than just quiet or calm. His peace brings rest, security and contentment that cannot be found anywhere else.

Peace flows from right relationships.

It comes when your relationship with God is where it should be and when you are doing all you can to live in harmony with others. It does not depend on your circumstances.

God is good and works for good in every situation.

His plans are always for your benefit, even when you do not understand them. He is bigger than anything you are facing. God is wise. His ways are best, and you can always trust Him.

Peacemaking is God's way of reconciling people in conflict and of fairly resolving disputes.

Peace does not come naturally; it must be pursued. You are part of God's peacemaking process. God expects you to cooperate with Him by seeking peace, unity and harmony with others.

You need God and His guidance to find peace.

Everyone around you has advice, but God is the only one you can trust to help you find your way. He will guide you to reconcile and restore relationships disrupted by conflict. He will help you resolve disputes fairly. God knows the way to genuine peace, and He will lead you.

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TRUST GOD'S GPS

Conflicts and disputes cause confusion, frustration and division. The stress can leave you feeling lost, not knowing what to do or which way to go. Do not worry, and do not be afraid. God has provided powerful resources to give you the strength and direction you need. His GPS will show you the way to genuine peace.

Good News: Jesus Christ!

Jesus is the Peacemaker. He has done everything that is necessary for you to be at peace with God and find peace with others. Apart from Him, genuine peace is not possible. Jesus is God's greatest gift to you, but you must accept this gift. If you have, that's great! If you haven't, don't delay. In Him, you will find life and peace. Without Him, you will remain lost. Forever.

Power: The Holy Spirit!

God sends the Holy Spirit to live in you when you ask Jesus to forgive your sins and to be your Savior and Lord. The power you need to reconcile and restore broken relationships and to resolve disputes comes from the Holy Spirit. He helps you when you are weak and gives you the strength you need to pursue peace. You can depend on Him to guide you and to help you understand the truth. Listen to Him.

Scripture: God's Truth!

The Bible reveals the nature and character of God, and it is the written record of His truth. Because the men who wrote the Bible were guided by God, it contains reliable direction for all aspects of life. God never asks or expects anything that is contrary to what the Bible teaches. He promises peace to those who seek to understand and follow His Word.

Stay connected with His GPS, and peace will be yours.

3

NAVIGATE BY GRACE

God's grace is the kindness, blessing and unmerited favor He offers through Jesus. By the grace of God, we have the hope of eternal life and all that we need to live meaningful and joyful lives. Grace frees us from sin and teaches us to live rightly. It helps us in times of need. God's grace is a gift of His love. We do not deserve it. We can never earn it.

The Bible repeatedly connects the concepts of grace and peace. God is the ultimate source of peace. It is only by His grace that we are able to find the peace He has promised. God expects us to extend grace to others—even in the midst of disputes and conflicts—in the same way He offers grace to us. When we extend grace, we acknowledge God's love for us and demonstrate our love for others.

In a conflict or dispute, GRACE is a reminder of the critical steps along God's pathway to peace.

Glorify God

Reject the world and its ways

Accept personal responsibility

Confront others gently

Embrace peace and unity

GRACE expresses the peacemaking truths found in the Bible. It provides a reliable map you can use with God's GPS to navigate the conflicts and disputes you face. Each GRACE step is essential, and each builds on those that precede it. There are no short cuts.

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GLORIFY GOD

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Nothing should come before God in your life. Because of who He is and what He has done for you, all that you think, do and say should honor and please Him. God does not take what He deserves by force. Instead, He asks that you willingly choose to serve Him and to give Him glory. You must choose who you will serve. Will it be God? Yourself? Someone or something else? Your choice controls everything else. Make the right one.

CHOOSE GOD AND GIVE HIM GLORY!

God's ultimate desire is to change you to be more like Jesus. He uses challenges and trials to do this. Give Him glory and He will stand beside you and guide you through anything you face.

WORSHIP HIM!

He is great. Seek Him.
Honor Him. Praise Him.

TRUST HIM!

He is good. Accept His love.
Thank Him regardless of what happens.

OBEY HIM!

He is wise, and His ways are always right.
Ask Him. Wait on Him. Walk with Him.

REJECT THE WORLD AND ITS WAYS

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (1 John 2:15)

REJECT THE WORLD: The world opposes God and constantly encourages you to follow your desires and ignore God's will. These selfish, natural desires begin in your heart and tempt you to worship things other than God. These idols will lead you astray and rob you of peace. You cannot be a friend of the world and a friend of God.

REJECT THE WAYS OF THE WORLD: A worldly response to conflicts and disputes makes things worse, not better. The two natural responses to conflict and disputes are fight and flight. We fight to intimidate or overpower those who oppose us. We flee to avoid controversies rather than deal with them. Fight and flight are usually foolish choices that share a common source: fear. The wise live by Faith, not fear. Faith is believing that God is in control. Jesus said that by Faith, you can face and overcome anything. Faith makes it possible for you to make wise choices in challenging situations. It gives you the courage and confidence to:

- Overlook minor offenses.
- * Reconcile and restore broken relationships.
- * Fairly resolve disputes and disagreements.
- * Seek help from others or the church.

ACCEPT PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. (Matthew 7: 3, 5)

Jesus teaches that peace always begins with you, not the others involved. Until you accept responsibility for your part in the conflict or dispute, you cannot expect others to do the same. Ask for God's help and allow Him to change you first!

FIRST EXAMINE YOURSELF!

Focus on your role in the situation. Have your attitudes and actions been inconsistent with what the Bible teaches? Have you thought, done or said things that displease Jesus? Your heart will deceive you! Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see these things.

THEN CONFESS!

Admit your wrongful actions and attitudes openly and honestly to God and others. Confession brings mercy, forgiveness and healing.

Contact Everyone Affected. Go quickly.

Own it All. Be thorough and specific.

No Excuses. No ifs, buts, or maybes.

Fix the Harm. Make it right and repair the damage.

Express your Sorrow. Apologize and accept the consequences.

Seek Forgiveness. Ask for it and allow time.

Set a New Course. Change shows you meant it!

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CONFRONT OTHERS GENTLY

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. (Galatians 6:1a)

Jesus commands you to go to others when things are not right between you, or when they are causing serious harm. Confrontation is God's way to recover and restore those who have wandered off and to break down barriers that are causing division. Done well, confrontation is an act of love.

ALWAYS REMEMBER YOUR GOALS:
Reconcile and Restore the Relationship
Fairly Resolve any Disputes

STOP! FIRST ASK: SHOULD I GO? Is this matter too serious to overlook? Do they have something against you? Are you going for the right reasons?

IF SO, THEN GO PRIVATELY. If possible, address things just between you and them. Be respectful, quick to listen and slow to speak. Point them to Jesus. Share truth gracefully. Help them change!

IF NECESSARY, INVOLVE OTHERS. If your private efforts are not successful, take others along. They can ask good questions, encourage self control and courtesy, and provide guidance and a fresh perspective.

THEN IF NECESSARY, ASK THE CHURCH FOR HELP. If you have done all you can and serious issues remain, get church leaders involved. The church is responsible for providing God's people with the loving oversight, direction and accountability they need.

EMBRACE UNITY AND HARMONY

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:2-3)

Jesus expects you to seek unity and harmony for your own good, for His glory and to show the world that He is God's Son. Therefore, YOU must do all YOU can to heal wounds, reconcile and restore relationships and resolve disputes with others.

FORGIVE OTHERS FREELY Those forgiven by God in Jesus should be quick to forgive others. Get rid of all bitterness, anger and malice. Do not take revenge, not even a little. Offer your offenders the same mercy and grace you have received. Release them unconditionally from responsibility for your personal pain. Remain ready to reconcile and restore relationships, even though there still may be consequences for those who wronged you.

RESOLVE DISPUTES FAIRLY
Do not allow disagreements over things to create division. Seek cooperative and just resolutions. Be quick to **HEAR**.

Humble yourself * **E**steem others * **A**cknowledge everyone's interests * **R**esolve differences as Jesus would

NEVER GIVE UP
Do not be discouraged if you do not reconcile or agree. It happens. Be patient. God has His own timing. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. While you are waiting, get your bearings, trust God's GPS and navigate by GRACE. Again.



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PEACE GUARANTEED

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27)

God's way is the best way to repair relationships broken by conflict and fairly resolve disputes. For there to be full reconciliation, restoration and resolution, however, everyone involved must cooperate with Jesus and seek genuine peace. When they do, thank and praise Him! When they don't, remember that Jesus only expects you to do the things you should do to live at peace. If you follow Him and navigate the conflicts and disputes you face by GRACE, He will give you peace in your life—regardless of how others respond. He is the Prince of Peace. He will never disappoint you. His peace is guaranteed.

WE CAN HELP

We help Christians and churches reconcile and restore relationships broken by conflict and fairly resolve disputes for God's glory and for their good. If you need help with a situation or would like more information, please visit: peacepoint.com.



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