PEACEMAKERS

Blessed are the <u>peacemakers</u>, for they will be called <u>children of God</u>. Matthew 5:9

PEACEMAKERS NOT PEACEKEEPERS

- PEACEKEEPERS OFTEN AVOID CONFLICT TO KEEP THE PEACE.
- PEACEMAKERS EMBRACE CONFLICT TO MAKE PEACE.

The difference:

- WE ARE NOT JUST A CHRISTIAN HOME.
- WE ARE A CHRIST-CENTERED HOME.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, <u>as far as it depends on you</u>, <u>live at peace with everyone</u>. 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:17-18, 21

WHAT DO PEACEMAKERS DO?

1) SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE.

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ... Ephesians 4:15 NLT

2) APOLOGIZE WHEN YOU ARE WRONG.

Therefore <u>confess your sins to each other</u> and <u>pray for each other</u> so that you may <u>be</u> <u>healed</u>. James 5:16

3) **FORGIVE** AND LET GO.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13