

BEING A PEACEMAKER IN A
WORLD FILLED WITH CONFLICT.

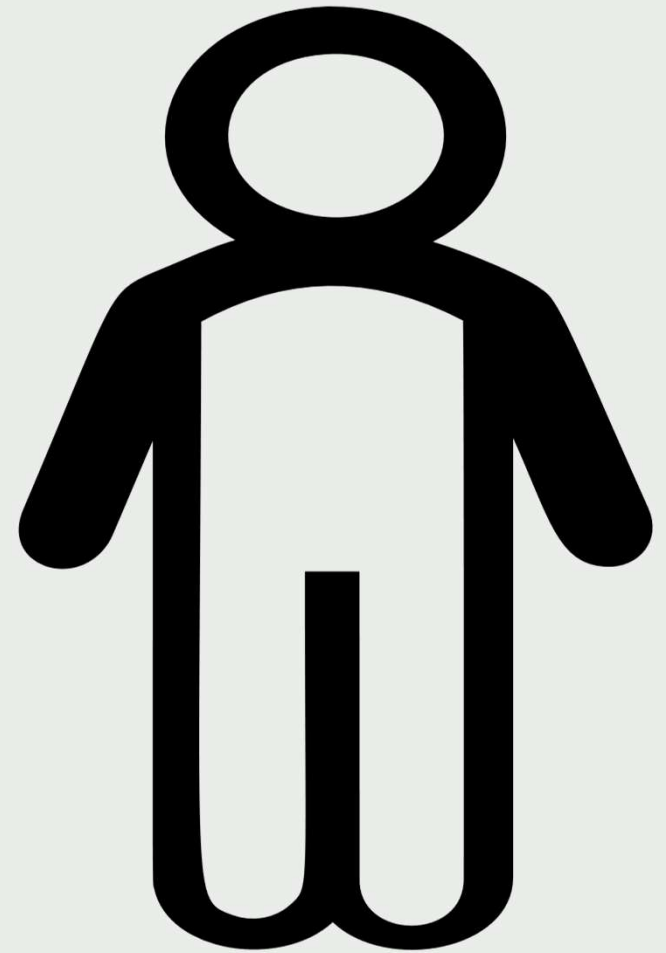
SERMON ON THE MOUNT SERIES
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**“Relative Peace” – no
major armed conflict.**

**In last 3,500 years of human
history only 268 years of
“relative peace”.**

92.3%





Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? **They come from the selfish desires that war within you.** You want things, but you do not have them. So, you are ready to kill and are jealous of other people, but you still cannot get what you want. So, you argue and fight. **You do not get what you want because you do not ask God. Or when you ask, you do not receive because the reason you ask is wrong.** You want things so you can use them for your own pleasures.

James 4:1-3
(New Century Version)

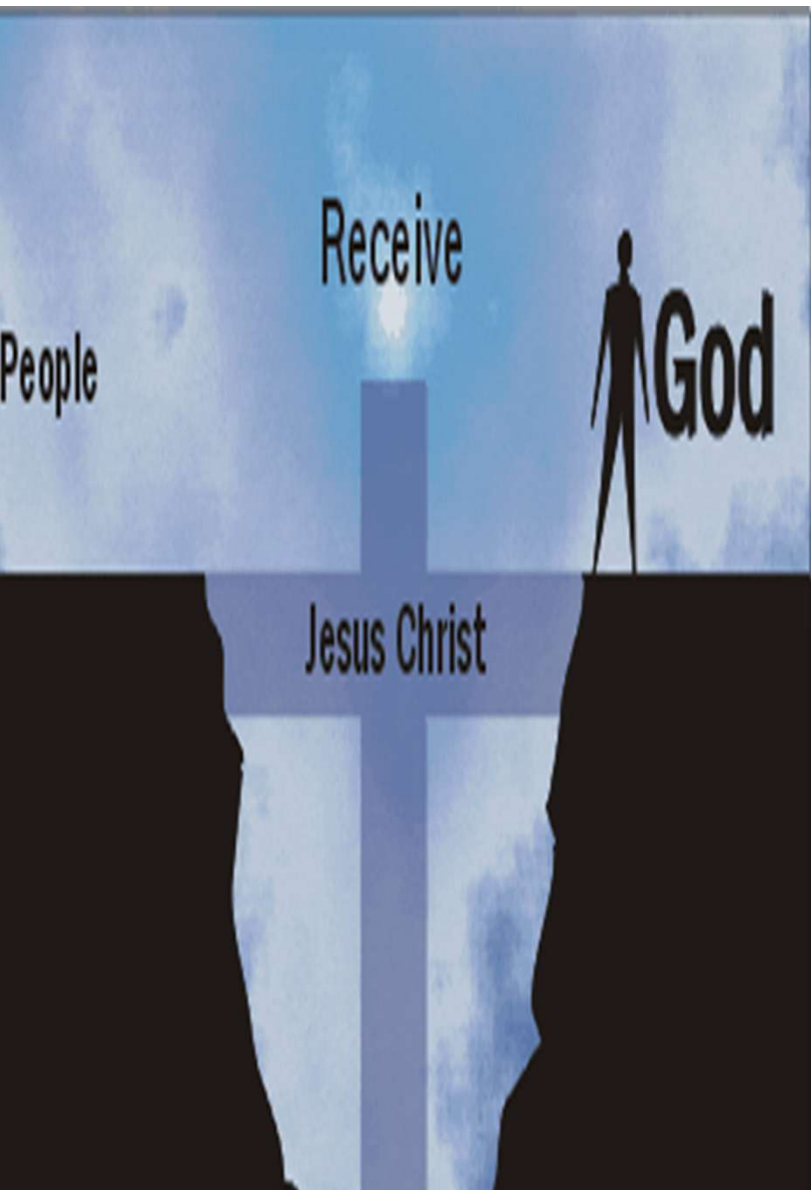
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (BEATITUDES)





(1) Describes what citizens of the Kingdom look like. (Not just for the super spiritual).

(2) God shapes our character to make us more like Christ. Christ-likeness will draw people to Jesus Christ.



**GOD WANTS TO USE US TO
BRING PEOPLE AT WAR WITH
HIM TO BE AT PEACE WITH
HIM!**

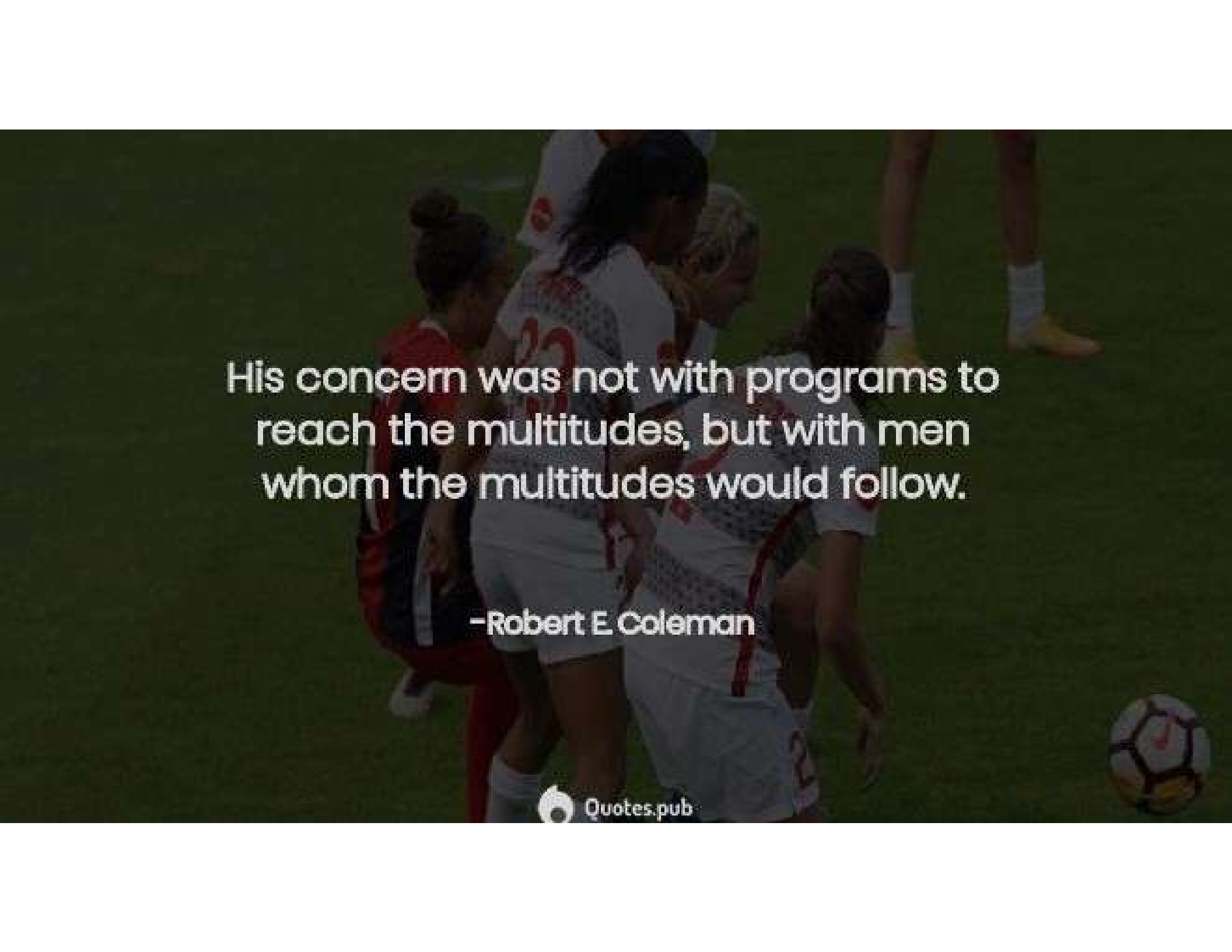
**Now then, we are
ambassadors for Christ, as
though God were pleading
through us; we implore
you on Christ's behalf, be
reconciled to God.**

-2 Corinthians 5:20 (NKJV)



“If I were required to run a marathon, I would need to become the kind of person who runs marathons. My eating would change, my sleep habits, my schedule, my shoes– a lot of things in my life would need to be recalibrated.”

From the book: The Soul Winning Church




His concern was not with programs to reach the multitudes, but with men whom the multitudes would follow.

—Robert E. Coleman




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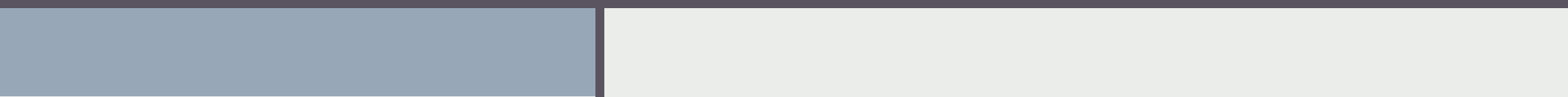
**Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God.**

Matthew 5:9 (NKJV)





**Blessed: Awareness of the
Approval of God.**





**What does it mean
to be a
peacemaker?**

WHAT A PEACEMAKER IS NOT

***Absence of Conflict (Jesus and the Cross/next slide)**

***Avoidance of Strife (wisdom from the Spirit) – our last beatitude merciful will receive mercy. Meek-Power under control. (ready to make peace).**

***Appeasing Everyone / Accommodating Issues.**

****Hebrew Word: *Shalom* (slide #14/come back).**


****GREEK: *eirenopoloi* (compound verb- peace and to do).**

ACTIVE TERM THAT REQUIRES ACTION!

**And having made peace by the blood of His
cross.**

–Colossians 1:20

**God “made” peace by His sacrifice on the Cross-
we maintain it.**




**But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent
you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf,
for in its welfare you will find your welfare.**

Jeremiah 29:7

***Welfare- shalom.**





But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

-James 3:17-18 (NKJV)



**If it is possible, as much as it depends on
you, live peaceably with all.**

-Romans 12:18 (NKJV)

FOUR QUICK TAKEAWAYS

- 1. Talk to God before you talk to others including the offending party. Read the Scriptures (Let God talk to you).**
- 2. Take the first step. (see next slide).**
- 3. Speak to the other person- truth in love (see verses– attack the problem not the person).**
- 4. Stop talking about the people who hurt you to other people.**

Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that **your brother has something against you,** (24) leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. **First be reconciled to your brother** and then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:23-24 (NKJV)

**A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh word
stirs us wrath.**

-Proverbs 15:1

**No rotten talk should come from your mouth, but only
what is good for the building up of someone in need, in
order **to give grace** to those who hear.**

-Ephesians 4:29



HOLY COMMUNION

(23) For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night he was betrayed took bread. (24) And when he had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take eat, this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me. (25) In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This is cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

(26) For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. (27) Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. (28) But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. (29) For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself. -1 Corinthians 11:23-29 (NKJV)