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(Mt 5:9)

Spread peace and love

Do you know who the peacemakers are that Jesus is talking about?

**Not people who:**

- we call peaceful,
- who like a quiet life,
- who can't bear arguments
- people who seem to be conciliatory, but who often just don't want to be disturbed or have any problems.



**They are not:**

- those good people who trust in God and don't react when someone provokes or insults them.

**Peacemakers are:**

- people who love peace to the point of not being afraid to intervene in a conflict to bring peace to those who are quarrelling.

A person can be a peacemaker

if they have peace in themselves.

You can bring peace

First of all through your own behaviour in every moment, by living in agreement with God and by doing his will.

**Peacemakers try to:**

- create bonds,
- forge relationships among people, reducing tension, ending the state of 'cold war' they find in many places, whether in the family, at work, at school, in sports or between nations etc.

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### Where?

You might know of situations in your own family:

- maybe your father does not talk to your uncle because of an argument they once had.
- perhaps your grandmother refuses to speak to the lady in the apartment upstairs who always makes a noise.

### Or:

- You've heard about the rivalry at your friends' workplace.
- perhaps you yourself have quarreled with your schoolmates;
- the relationship with your peers who play the same sports might not be a great example to others;



- the desire to be first and best gets the better of you.

Every day the TV, newspapers, and radio show you that the world is like a huge hospital and the various nations are often like sick people **in dire need of peacemakers** to heal relationships that are so tense that people can't go on like that.



## How will you live this Word of Life?

First of all, by spreading love in the world.

Then, you can intervene prudently when you see that peace is endangered around you. Often it is enough **to listen with love** to the two sides, hearing them out, and a peaceful solution can be found. You can work untiringly to heal broken relationships that often became strained for very insignificant reasons.

A good way to reduce tension that can arise between people is **the use of humour**.

A rabbinical text says that the world to come belongs to those who know how to make others laugh, because they are peacemakers among those who argue.