

Recognized

A Community of Peace	[what if?] 2 Corinthians 10.3-5	Going Deeper—Living it Out	Does peacemaking solve every conflict? Why or why not?
	[watch your mouth] Romans 12.14		What can you do when peacemaking doesn't provide the results that you had hoped for?
	[surround yourself] Romans 12.15-16		Describe a prolonged or difficult conflict where you finally gave up on what the Bible teaches and started to use your own techniques to get what you wanted. How did that work out for you?
	[stay the course] Romans 12.17		What might you have done in that situation to better glorify God, serve other people, and grow to be more like Christ?
	[know your limits] Romans 12.18-19		How is continuing to love someone not giving up?
	[the ultimate weapon] Romans 12.20-21		Name some practical actions you can take toward people who continue to behave badly toward you and others?

A Community of Peace	[putting it together] Overpowering evil	Going Deeper—Living it Out	Describe how love is the ultimate weapon? What can it accomplish?
	Do they recognize you? Matthew 5.9		How do you know that your obedience to God is never wasted?
	[big questions] Do people recognize you as a child of God? What is the evidence?		Explain how being a peacemaker might cause others to recognize you as a child of God?
	How do you tend to respond to conflict? Do your responses bring life or destroy life?		MEMORIZE THIS! With all this going for us, my dear, dear friends, stand your ground. And don't hold back. Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort.
	[next step] I will ask God to bring to mind someone who has been so difficult to deal with that I have been tempted to give up on him or her. I will write out a plan to go to them and ultimately heap love on them, and then I will prayerfully live it out.		-1 Corinthians 15.58 (The Message)