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Introduction

So you became a Christian, now what? How should you behave? We will see in our study of God's Word today that God called the Jewish Exiles to be peacemakers even toward their captors. But should we be like that even today? Why should we become peacemakers?

- I. Why Would God Ask His People to Wish Peace and Prosperity to Their Captors? (Jeremiah 29:4-11)
 - A. The Welfare of their Captors are their Welfare too.
 - 1. It's their welfare as well. (v. 7 "for its welfare will determine your welfare.)
 - 2. **God was teaching them a lesson.** (Leviticus 26; Jeremiah 2-45; Hebrews 12:10-11).
 - 3. **God is trustworthy.** (v.11 "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.")
 - B. To Live at Peace with Others has Always Been God's Command.

II. What Does it Mean to Be to Others?

Closing

Worshipers are peacemakers. Always have been, always will be. God called his chosen people to work for the personal, relational, societal and spiritual wellbeing, and prosperity of the nation who slaughtered their kin, destroyed their homes, plundered their cities, and even dishonored their temple (cf. Jeremiah 29) because as what we found, it was for their welfare, and it has always been how God envisioned His followers to behave. We saw that when Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9), while in the same breath, He promised turmoil for those who follow Him (John 15:18-25). In other words, to be a Christian is to be a peacemaker regardless of your circumstances--in abundance or in turmoil. Worshipers are peacemakers. Imagine the difference. How awesome will it be if all Christians commit to be God's to their communities?

*The Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some of the ways you can be a peacemaker to your family, office place, or community this week?
- 2. How can you be God's Shalom to a young person in your family or church?
- 3. Pray for more opportunities to be a peacemaker this week.



The Shepherd's Voice

by John Paul P. Kabuhat, Ministry Head, Disciple-making Groups 2



Where Are the Young Adults?

Where are the young adults? You must have felt it. They're with you at home, but they seem indifferent about "church stuff" and family traditions they were once excited about when they were a bit younger. Well, when they were kids, you saw them enjoying Sunday school and DVBS at KidsLIFE. They even became active volunteers at YouthLIVE. Or, at the very least, they sat with you when your family went to Sunday Worship services. But in a blink of an eye, it's as if you've lost them. Where are the young adults? What happened?

I pastored some of them when they were about to graduate high school, until they graduated college. So I understand what you feel. Oh, and like you, I saw them in action. I can't even begin to describe their grit and passion for Jesus during youth camps, outreaches, discipleship, and the regular ministry grind! But then, gradually, they showed up less and less untill I didn't hear from them anymore. With you, I pondered — how come? What really happened?

The more I reached out to them, the more I learned why the then "active" youth seemingly changed when they became young adults. What was I thinking? Of course, they would gradually leave! Because you see, our young adults are now in their new ministry — to be salt and light outside the church walls, within crucial sectors of society! And we, as their church family, have a golden opportunity to help them thrive in this new phase in their lives — both as excellent Christian professionals and witnesses of Jesus Christ where they are.

Imagine the difference if we — the Kuyas, Ates, Dads, and Moms — commit to help the young adults in our families and church to grow in their calling. We taught them, when they were younger, to be a blessing to the world through their hands and feet! They're not just getting a grip on their jobs, but they are also riddled with doubts, insecurities, relationship issues, uncertainties, and so much more. They are in the mission field, and we, who have "been there" and "done that", should help them fulfill their God-given mandate.

So, where are the young adults? They are where they should be, doing what they must do — to be salt and light to the world. And we are here, to help them succeed in their new ministry.

Would you want to disciple a young adult or learn how to? Your discipleship journey begins in just three minutes. How? Sign up at https://bit.ly/GCFReadySetGo, and you are well on your way to help this generation be God's "shalom" where they are.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



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2 Corinthians 9:7

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Tuesdays | 8:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursdays | 8:00 p.m. | via Zoom

KidsLIFE ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Saturdays | Little Ones - 10:00 a.m. • Growing Kids - 10:15 a.m. Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

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YA TALKS

Fridays | 8:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

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Every Sunday Morning | 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 nn

GGEx Leader: Pastor Emerson Manaloto Zoom: bit.ly/FamilyGGEx

Passcode: familyGGEx | Contact Marj: 0917-779-1549

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TELECONSULTATION SERVICE

For appointments or questions, please contact: gcfocstef@gmail.com (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 nn) • gcfocluan@gmail.com (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

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Zoom Room: bit.ly/WelcometoGCF | Welcome Form: bit.ly/GCFWelcome

