

## Abraham's Story

Genesis 11:27-25:11

### ***Principles of Peacemaking from Genesis 13.***

1. DISCERN the conflict.
2. CORRECT the problem as soon as possible.
3. TALK DIRECTLY with whomever you have conflict with.
4. BE GENEROUS to maintain peace.
5. VOLUNTARY SEPARATION may be necessary.
6. Time spent WORSHIPPING GOD gives perspective.

*"Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God."*  
– Jesus as he begins his Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:9 NIV)

### **Food for thought**

Continue to discover God's word on your own or join with a friend to continue the conversation and grow!

#### **Psalm 34:8-14 (NLT)**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!

Fear the Lord, you his godly people,  
for those who fear him will have all they need.

Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry,  
but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing.

Come, my children, and listen to me,  
and I will teach you to fear the Lord.

Does anyone want to live a life  
that is long and prosperous?

Then keep your tongue from speaking evil  
and your lips from telling lies!

Turn away from evil and do good.

Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

**What does this Psalm teach us about trusting the Lord?**

**How do you live a life that is long and prosperous?**

**List below some of the actions and benefits mentioned in this Psalm for the children of God, those who take refuge in Him:**

### **Romans 12:9-18 (NLT)**

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

*In his letter to the Romans, Paul begins to get really practical in how we're to live in community with each other.*

**What actions listed above are ones you struggle with?**

*Consider present or recent conflict you're experiencing.*

**What wisdom can you find in this passage or in the story of Abraham that you can apply to your situation?**

### **PRAYER TIPS:**

Use these prayer tips to talk it over with God:

- Jesus please open my eyes as I go through life to see people as you see them. I understand that conflict is a part of life so help me recognize it and bring peace to those around me. Grant me your wisdom and courage as I try to apply the principles I learn through your Word.
- Jesus, help me to not get in the way of becoming the peacemaker you want me to be. Please help people to see the fruit of your Spirit at work in my life at home, at work, or wherever I may journey. Please help me to trust you with provision for my life and be generous and selfless, becoming more and more like you.