



**How to Make Peace
when Relationships
are Valuable & Messy**



Part 3

Matthew 18:15-35

Matthew 5:9

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

love

joy

live in God's peace live out peace

patience

kindness

goodness

faithfulness

gentleness

self-control

Gal. 5:22-23

Therefore,
having been
justified by faith,
we have peace
with God
through our
Lord Jesus Christ,
Romans 5:1

By this all men
will know that you
are My disciples,
if you have love
for one another.
John 13:35

1 Corinthians
12:18 But now
God has placed
the members,
each one
of them,
in the body,
just as
He desired.

Forgiven

The **member**
covenants with the
members of the
local **church body**
as fellow workers
in the mission

The
local **church body**
affirms the
profession of faith
& oversees growth
in the relational
disciplemaking
process

1 Corinthians 12:12
For even as
the body is one
and yet has
many members,
and all
the members
of the body,
though they
are many,
are one body,
so also is Christ.

Forgiving

Matthew 18

15 “If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. **16** But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. **17** If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. **18** Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. **19** “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. **20** For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”

Matthew 18

21 Then Peter came and said to Him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”

22 Jesus *said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. **23** “For this reason the kingdom of heaven

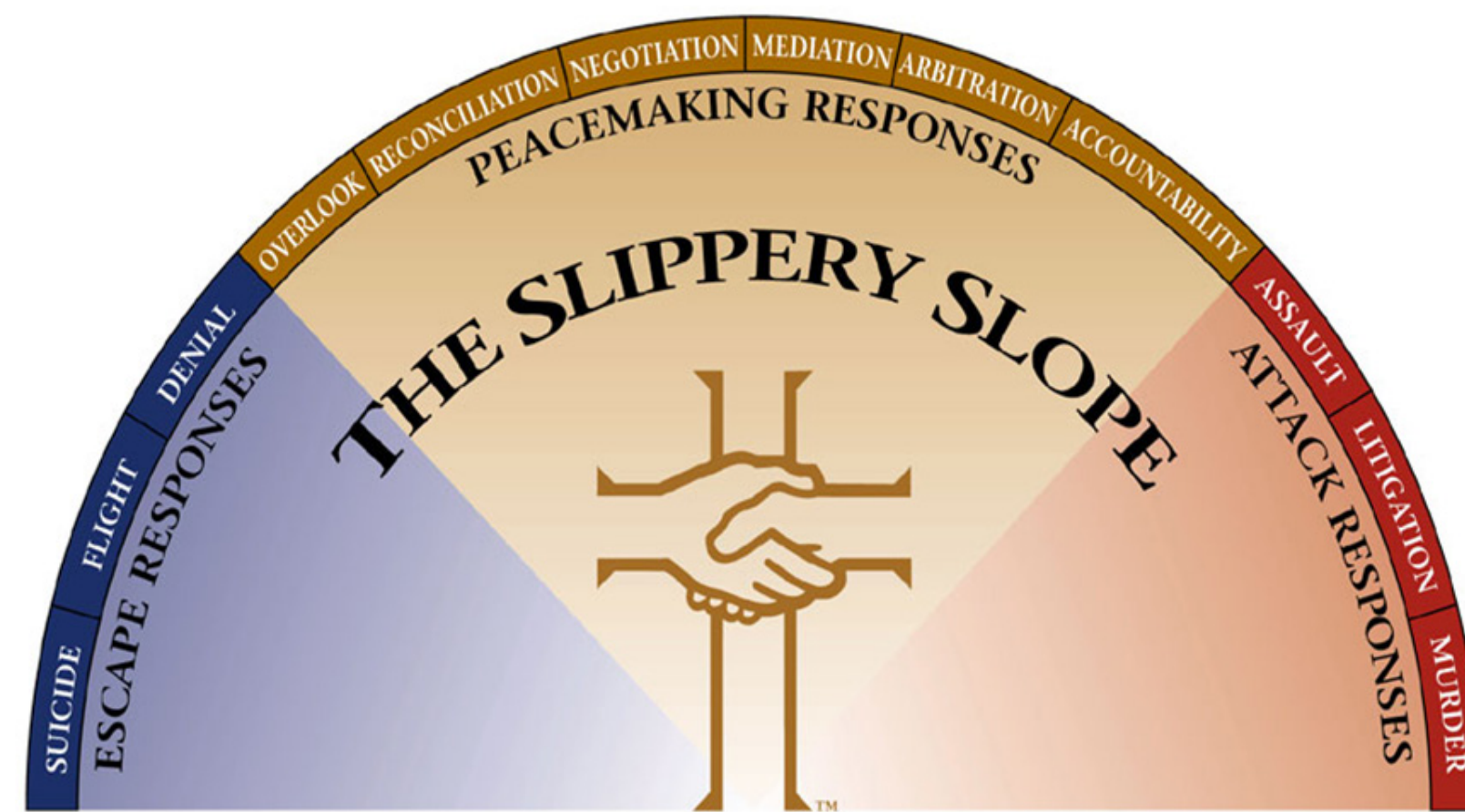
may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. **24** When he had begun to settle them, one who owed him ten

thousand talents was brought to him. **25** But since he did not have the means to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made.

26 So the slave fell to the ground and prostrated himself before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.’

27 And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt.

28 But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and began to choke him, saying, 'Pay back what you owe.' **29** So his fellow slave fell to the ground and began to plead with him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you.' **30** But he was unwilling and went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed. **31** So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened. **32** Then summoning him, his lord said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. **33** Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?' **34** And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him. **35** My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."



Application of the Word to Life

- Abide in “the parable of the unforgiving servant.”
- Confront sin biblically, humbly, with labels in order to help.
- Stop fixating on what others have done to you, and refocus on what King Jesus has done for you.
- Receive mercy (forgiveness), practice mercy (forgive).

The Peacemaker

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