

A Peacemaking *Rule of Life*

Nine small practices, one from each teaching. You don't have to do all nine. Pick one to return to each month, and let Jesus keep forming you into a peacemaker.

01

THE PEOPLE

Ask it daily

"Lord, where are you inviting me to become unoffendable?"

02

THE POSTURE

Take one step down

One act of humility, gentleness, patience, or bearing with someone in love.

03

THE PROCESS

Walk the four R's

Bring one unresolved relationship to Jesus. Rebuke yourself. Repent yourself. Release them. Rebuild.

04

YOUR CHURCH

Take your step

Ask: is there a step toward peace that is mine to take? Pursue what is possible. Release the rest.

05

YOUR PAST

Redeem the time

Memorize Ephesians 5:15-16. "Look carefully then how you walk... making the best use of the time."

06

YOUR SPOUSE

Pick one habit

Name one change you want to see. Choose one of the seven habits, like attacking the problem, not the person.

07

YOUR PARENTS

Write the letter

Or make the call. Name the ways they shaped you and what you're grateful for.

08

YOUR CHILDREN

Speak life

Spend one-on-one time. Ask God what he's doing in them, then name what you see.

09

YOUR WORK

Work redemptively

Do one thing that costs you something but makes someone else's work better.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon.

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