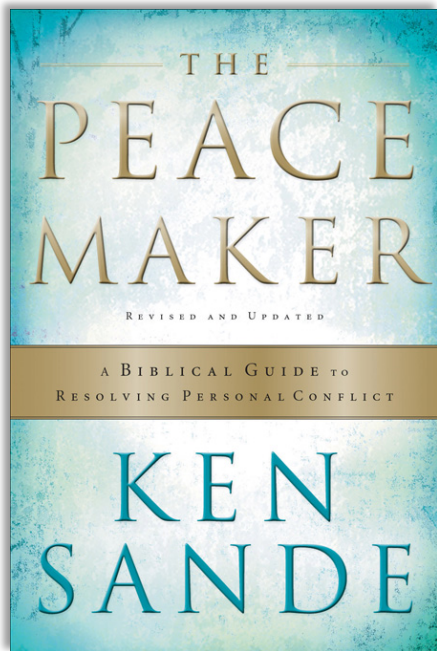


book of the month

The Peace Maker – Ken Sande



“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God” (Matt. 5:9). Those who practice making peace are so in keeping with God’s own character that Jesus assures them of the blessing of sonship. Christians should think often on the fact that God has graciously adopted us. But if you are like me, often times, that reality rarely reinforces God’s desire and design for growth in peacemaking. In Jesus’ estimation, those who practice making peace will also be called God’s sons. Therefore, it is appropriate that God’s children grow in this practice. This book is intended help.

The Peacemaker outlines biblical principles for dealing with conflict in such a way that results in the glory and praise of God, who is “the God of peace” (Rom. 16:20). You don’t have to attend Grace Bible Church for very long before you realize that conflict is inevitable. Though conflict can often be avoided, when it cannot (or should not) there is always an opportunity to demonstrate a love for God and others that reveals the greatest of our God and the gospel. I pray that this book serves you to that end. By God’s grace, GBC will abound more and more in the practice of making peace, thereby proving to a watching world that we truly are sons of God. – Omri Miles

Suggested 1-Month Reading Plan (Does not include the six appendices, each of which is worth perusing.)

Week 1: Preface and Part 1 - 9 pages per day

Preface and Intro – 9 pages
Chapter One – 22 pages
Chapter Two – 16 pages
Chapter Three – 16 pages

Week 2: Part 2 - 9 pages per day

Intro and Chapter Four – 25 pages
Chapter Five – 16 pages
Chapter Six – 22 pages

Week 3: Part 3 - 9 pages per day

Intro and Chapter Seven – 23 pages
Chapter Eight – 23 pages
Chapter Nine – 16 pages

Week 4: Part 4 - 9 pages per day

Intro and Chapter Ten – 24 pages
Chapter Eleven – 22 pages
Chapter Twelve – 12 pages
Conclusion – 4 pages

Heart-Shepherding Aids

At the end of each chapter in *The Peacemaker*, there are questions that will help you apply the principles taught there. Consider doing the following as well:

1. **Build a list** of passages related to peace and conflict. You can do this several different ways, none of which requires time outside of the discipline of daily Bible reading. Try (1) Picking a highlighter color and highlight every time the word *peace* (or its synonymns) appears in your Bible. The benefit of this method is that you are creating a resource for the future since you will be able to see where peace is mentioned wherever you turn in your Bible as you notice that same color highlighter. Or (2) In a separate journal, begin keeping a list of passages that discuss conflict and/or peace with God, and others. For example: If you began your Bible reading plan today and you read Genesis 1-3, in your journal, you might write, “Genesis 3:14-19 – Conflict between God, the serpent, and man.” Your next peace/conflict passage would appear in Genesis chapter 4, of course, with Cain and Abel, and so on. One of the benefits of this method is that you are creating a catalogue of passages on peace and conflict to access in the future for your own heart and counseling others.
2. **Memorize** the following passages: Romans 5:1 (on peace w/ God), Ephesians 4:1-3 (on peace with one another), and Hebrews 12:14-15 (instructions on peace, holiness, and bitterness)