



“But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' And **if a son of peace is there**, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.” (Luke 10:5-7)

A Peaceful Home

1st Sunday of Epip

Clearing Misunderstandings About Peace

Peace Is Not Circumstantial

- EX: Job's friends
- **"Remember now, who ever perished being innocent?"**
(Job 4:7)
- Peace is relational – between persons and God
- **"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you."**
(John 14:27)
- EX: St. Peter
- EX: Sts. Paul and Silas



Peace Is Not the Absence of Anger or Strong Emotion

- "Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath." (Ephesians 4:26)
- *"Just as maniacs, who never enjoy tranquility, so also he who is resentful and retains an enemy will never have the enjoyment of any peace; incessantly raging and daily increasing the tempest of his thoughts."* (St. John Chrysostom)
- EX: Cain

Silence Is Not Necessarily Peace

- *"A man may seem to be silent, but if his heart is condemning others, he is babbling ceaselessly." (Abba Poemen)*
- Silence of the mouth with a raging heart is not peace.
- EX: Parable of the Prodigal Son
- “Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.” (Luke 15:29).



Building a Peaceful Home

Desire Peace and Pursue It

- "Seek peace and pursue it." (Psalm 34:14)
- "If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men." (Romans 12:18)
- It must be something we pursue
- Peace is partly within our control
- "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." (Matthew 6:14)
- EX: Abigail



Maintain the Desire for Peace

- EX: Israel's repeated longing for Egypt





Family Dinner Discussion

Open Dialogue

- "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." (James 1:19)



Being Faithful to My Role in the Family

- "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." (Ephesians 6:1)
- EX: David's silence toward Amnon, and the rebellion that followed.



Invite the King of Peace

- *"Teach them to fear God, and all other good things will flow from this one lesson as from a fountain and your house will be filled with ten thousand blessings."*
(St. John Chrysostom)



Summary

- Clearing Misunderstandings About Peace
 - Peace Is Not Circumstantial — It Is Relational
 - Peace Is Not the Absence of Anger or Strong Emotion
 - Silence Is Not Necessarily Peace
- Building a Peaceful Home
 - Desire Peace and Pursue It
 - Maintain the Desire for Peace
 - Open Dialogue
 - Being Faithful to My Role in the Family
 - Invite the King of Peace