

A dramatic mountain landscape with a person on a cliff edge. The scene is split diagonally by a dark grey line. The upper-left portion is dark and shadowed, while the lower-right portion is brightly lit, showing a person in a yellow jacket standing on a rocky outcrop overlooking a valley. The sky is a mix of dark and light blue.

THE NECESSITY OF HUMILITY AND GENTLENESS (PART 1)

Ephesians 4:1-3

The PeaceFaker . . .

- In conflict, the PeaceFaker acts like there is peace when there really isn't.
 - In fact, the PeaceFaker avoids conflict as much as possible.
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The PeaceBreaker . . .

- In conflict, the PeaceBreaker attacks another person in order to prove their point, or defeat or crush the person they have conflict with at that moment.
 - In fact, the PeaceBreaker may or may not look for conflict, but when it comes, they come out swinging, they are abrupt, abrasive, and tell it like it is.
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The PeaceMaker . . .

- In conflict, the PeaceMaker seeks to listen, understand and resolve the conflict in order to bring people together.
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Ephesians 4:1 (Multiverse)

Therefore, I, the prisoner for serving the Lord, appeal to you, implore you, urge you, beg you, to live, to walk, to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have received, having been called by God [that is, to live a life that exhibits godly character, moral courage, personal integrity, and mature behavior—a life that expresses gratitude to God for your salvation]

Ephesians 4:2 (Multiverse)

Always, with complete and all humility [forsaking self-righteousness], and gentleness [maintaining self-control], with patience, bearing with one another in [unselfish] love or making allowance for each other's faults because of your love,

Ephesians 4:3 (Multiverse)

Make every effort, being diligent to keep or preserve the oneness or the unity of the Spirit binding yourselves together with peace or in the bond of peace [each individual working together to make the whole successful].

**Walk with Jesus in
humility and
gentleness**

How does one grow in Humility and Gentleness?

- Grow in self-awareness: know yourself
in your weakness (sinfulness)
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How does one grow in Humility and Gentleness?

- Grow in Christ-awareness:
remember His grace
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TO THE PEACEFAKER:

- Is there someone you need to pray for?
 - Is there someone you need to confront?
 - Is there someone you need to forgive?
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TO THE PEACEBREAKER:

- Is there someone you need to apologize to
or reconcile with?
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TO THE PEACEMAKER:

- Is there someone you need to make peace with right now?
 - Are there people you might be able to help bring together through reconciliation?
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