



PEACEMAKING

Peacemaking is more than the absence of conflict. Peacemaking is becoming aware of and breaking cycles of harm. Peacemaking requires working to understand others and restore relationships. Peacemaking is cooperating with others and God to bring healing to the broken and chaotic places in us and our world.

BOOKS

EXCLUSION AND EMBRACE, Miroslav Volf

SHALOM AND THE COMMUNITY OF CREATION,
Randy Woodley

JESUS AND NONVIOLENCE, Walter Wink

SEE NO STRANGER, Valarie Kaur

PRACTICAL BOOKS

NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION, Marshall
Rosenberg

HOW TO HAVE IMPOSSIBLE CONVERSATIONS,
Peter Boghossian and James Lindsay

THE PEACE BOOK, Louise Diamond


I'M RIGHT AND YOU'RE AN IDIOT, James Hoggan

RECONCILE, Paul Lederach

VIDEO

BIBLE PROJECT - WORD STUDY ON PEACE

INVISIBILIA - This month Chris talked about a third way of dealing with conflict. Dustin talked about co-regulation, and the need to step back from conflict in order to not escalate it. This video explores this idea further.



SPIRITUAL RHYTHMS

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When we look at the conflict and chaos in our world and feel it in ourselves, peacemaking can feel like an impossible task. Practices take what is impossible and make it possible by God's grace. We can become people of peace. Here are resources to help you explore and put peacemaking into practice.

READ SCRIPTURE

[READSCRIPTURE.ORG](https://readscripture.org)

SWEDISH BIBLE STUDY METHOD - SEE PAGE 4

Books about reading scripture:

[HOW TO READ THE BIBLE FOR ALL IT'S WORTH](#) by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart is a challenging but helpful beginner book on how to read Scripture. It also works as a reference book as you continue to

[THE BLUE PARAKEET](#) by Scot McKnight is also a great read on how to interpret Scripture.

[UNWRAPPING SCRIPTURE TODAY](#) by Meghan Good is a great introduction to the Bible that is beautifully written, accessible and comprehensive.

Listening

[Here's](#) a video to help guide you in centering prayer. [An article](#) on what it means to practice 3-way listening.

Podcasts:

[LOVE AND INCARNATIONAL LISTENING](#)
[LOVE AND ADMITTING I MIGHT BE WRONG](#)

Book about listening:

[THE BODY KEEPS THE SCORE](#), by Basel van der Kolk

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Books:

BRAIDING SWEETGRASS, Robin Wall Kimmerer

THE INCONVENIENT INDIAN, Thomas King

21 THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT THE INDIAN ACT, Bob Joseph

RESCUING THE GOSPEL FROM THE COWBOYS,
Richard Twiss

THEY CALLED ME NUMBER ONE, Bev Sellars

WHEN WE WERE ALONE, David Robertson. -
children's book

Cynthia Wallace mentions:

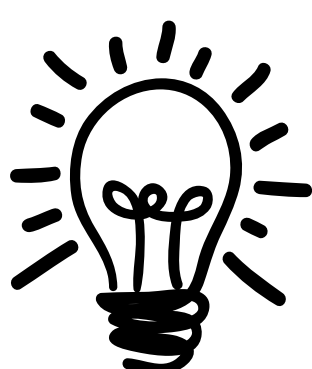
THE DANGER OF THE SINGLE STORY, Chimamanda
Adichie

Exploring your Spiritual Story:

TELLING YOUR SPIRITUAL STORY, see page 5

FRAMEWORK TO PROCESS 2020, from Alpha Canada

SWEDISH BIBLE METHOD



LIGHT BULB - What stood out to you in this passage? Name something that “shines” through, that impacts you, or draws your attention.



QUESTION MARK- What questions do you have about the passage? Is there something you don’t understand or something you would like to ask God or the author?



ARROW - How can you apply this passage practically to life?



SPEECH BUBBLE - Who could benefit from hearing about what you’ve learned today? Who in your life could you share what you learned through words or actions?



TELLING YOUR SPIRITUAL STORY

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: TELL YOUR SPIRITUAL STORY

Learning to tell our stories is a way of participating in the transformation and wholeness that God wants to bring to our lives: even the hard and messy parts. Our whole story belongs in God's plan to make all things new!

1. Draw a timeline on your paper.

You can use the following as a template if it's helpful:

- roots (where do I come from, who are my parents, etc.)
- childhood
- teenage years
- early adulthood-middle age
- late adulthood

2. Identify and mark the important events in your life.

How did each of these affect you personally?

3. Go back through your timeline, and identify the places where you felt the presence of God, and where you felt God's absence.

Before you do this, take some time to read Psalm 139 (below). Remember that God is present in your story before you revisit it. There is no where you can go from God's presence: not even into a painful past.

4. Go back and revisit these highs and lows, but do so with the sense that God too is present in your story with loving compassion.

Try to receive the ways that God has been present in your story even in the times when it felt as though He was absent. Read Isaiah 43:2-3 (below) to help you.

5. Is there an image, picture, theme that arises over and over as you revisit your story?

Draw it, name it, write a song, whatever helps you integrate this image into your life.

