

PEACEMAKERS

Order of Service - August 2, 2020

Worship Team..... Your Love Awakens Me

Welcome

Worship Team..... Yes I Will
Better Word

Message..... Executive Pastor Dr. Rusty Sieck
Peacemakers (Week 2)

Offering/Dismissal

STOPPING THE DAMAGE

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Matthew 5:9 (NIV)*

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” Matthew 5:21-24 (ESV)

STOPPING THE DAMAGE

We don’t manage anger; we put it away.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. Colossians 3:5-11 (ESV)

Righteous anger seeks restoration, but unrighteous anger seeks destruction.

Stopping the damage starts with a relationship.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
Colossians 3:1-3 (ESV)

Stopping the damage continues with putting on a new nature.

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Colossians 3:10-11 (ESV)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
Colossians 3:12-14 (ESV)

PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR STOPPING THE DAMAGE:

- **Seek to understand**
- **Reflect**
- **Redirect**
- **Release**

Going deeper on your own: Pastor Rusty said, "We don't manage anger, we put it away." This week do a prayerful search of your heart and seek out any unrighteous anger that needs to be put away. Write down what you find and make a plan that includes understanding the source of the anger, reflecting, and redirecting the anger towards reconciliation or restoration. Share what you have discovered with someone you trust. Allow them to pray with you, help you process your journey, and take steps to release the anger for good. If you would like to share a story about a personal victory over anger, write to stories@CenterPointChurch.com and share your testimony.