



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Genesis 26	Title:	Be a Peacemaker
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Summary of Chapter:	Isaac was blessed by the Lord at Gerar, and he became rich. The Philistines were envious of him and asked him to leave. Isaac left, and wherever he tried to settle down, the herdsmen of Gerar disputed and quarreled with him. But Isaac chose to be a peacemaker and moved on literally every time, before he could finally settle down. In the end, King Abimelech saw how the Lord was with Isaac, and came personally to make a peace treaty with him.		
Key Verses (NLT):		How does it speak to me?	
²⁸ <i>They replied, "We can plainly see that the Lord is with you. So we want to enter into a sworn treaty with you. Let's make a covenant."²⁹ Swear that you will not harm us, just as we have never troubled you. We have always treated you well, and we sent you away from us in peace. And now look how the Lord has blessed you!"</i>		With greater work-life integration during this circuit breaker, home, school, and office, all three are combined into one, causing more frictions to happen. When it happens, is there still peace at home, or is everyone "in pieces" already? Like Isaac, we have a choice. And with all physical interaction replaced by digital communication between our colleagues and peers, misunderstanding can happen easily too. Are we quick to anger to demand our rights, or do we choose to be peacemaker? Let us do what we can, when we are faced with obstacles, hostility, and opposition, to interact amicably with one another, and to speak to each other in love, so that God will receive all the glory. Blessed are the peacemakers!	
APPLICATION QUESTIONS:			
Adult:	Boundaries have been intertwined at home during this circuit breaker, and you find yourself as a parent, a child, a spouse, and/or an employee all at the same time. How can you take regular time out, to move between these realms and spaces effectively, to minimise frictions and have peace at home?		
Youth:	Is there one incident or one person, whom you think you need to make the first move to apologize and make peace, regardless whether you are in the right or wrong?		
Child:	For the upcoming week, what can you do or behave at home to practice being a 'peacemaker'?		
PRAYER :			
Praying Scripture:	Dear Heavenly Father, help us to maintain peace in our home and with our colleagues/friends. Help us to interact amicably with one another and to speak to each other in love. May You bless every conversation, so that lives can be edified. Watch over our lips and use us as peacemaker to glorify Your Name.		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is answered, etc)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I/we pray. Amen.		