

Navigating the Season

Part 1: The Roadmap to Peace

INTRODUCTION

Holidays are often a **reminder** of what **could** or **should** be contrasted with what is **not**. This stirs up insecurities, conflict, and anxiety. But what if there is a way to navigate relational chaos and arrive at a destination of peace? Part 1 of this series gives us a roadmap.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. What insecurities, conflicts, and/or anxieties are the holidays bringing up in you?
2. Is there a particular relationship that comes to mind where it seems impossible to live at peace with this person?
3. Which of Paul's verses is hardest for you to put into practice in your most difficult relationships: don't pay evil for evil, don't be proud, be happy/weep with those around you, or bless and pray for them? Why do you think that is?
4. How does "God is love" change your definition of love?
5. Have you ever seen the benefit of pursuing peace even if the promise of peace in the relationship never came?

THIS WEEK

Spend some time this week talking with God about the difficult relationships in your life. Invite Him in to help you navigate this relationship with peace. How can you bring positivity and love to that relationship in practical ways if it's possible? Here are some practical steps from the message:

1. Take ownership by taking the initiative.
2. Trust that short-term instability leads to long-term intimacy
3. Stay connected to the source of love.

*"Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought **to full expression** in us." Romans 12:11-12*