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Gently Restore

Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15-20

A Conflict & Peacemaking Sermon

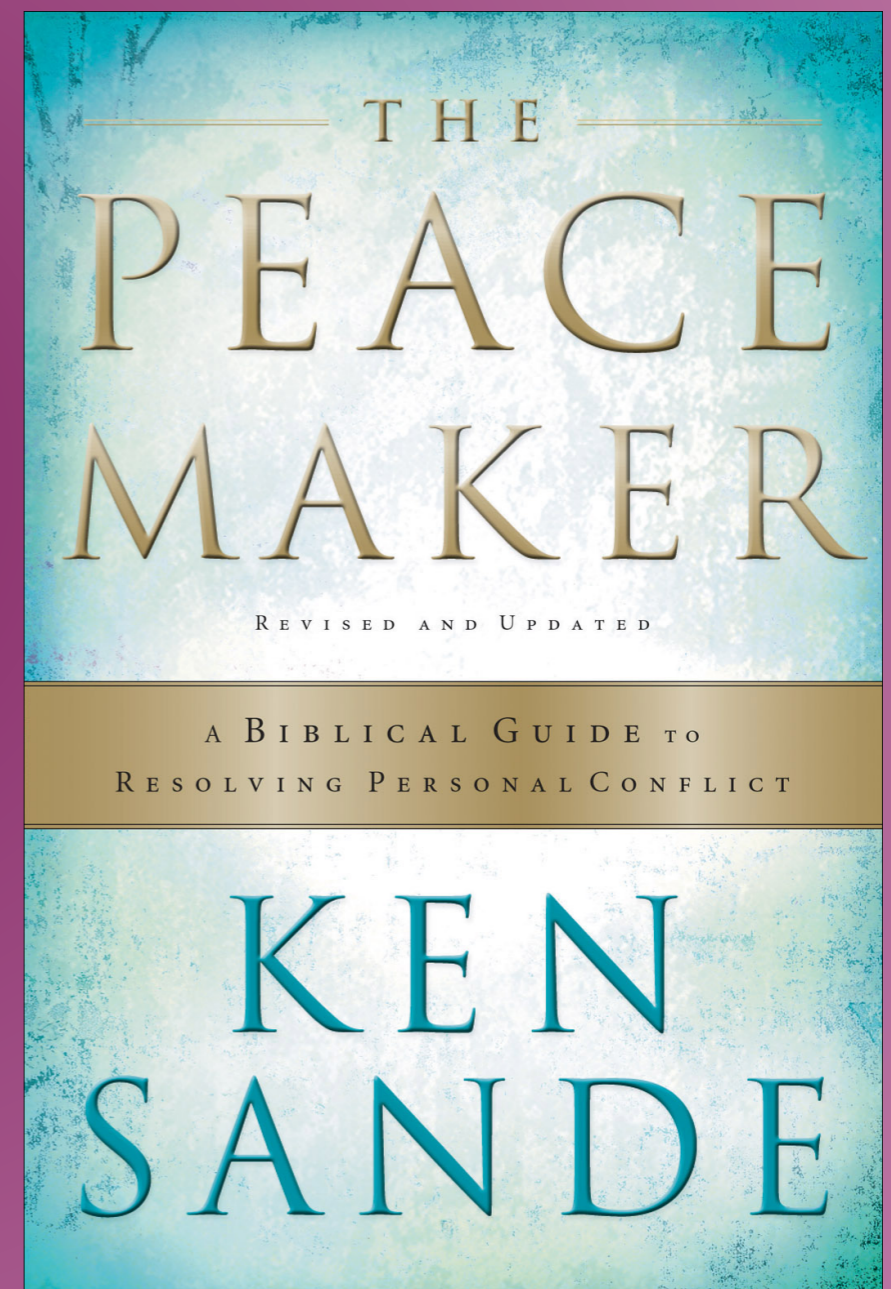
The 4Gs of Peacemaking

G1: Glorify God

G2: Get the Log Out of Your Eye

G3: Gently Restore

G4: Go and Be Reconciled



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- **Matthew 5:22** But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. (NIV®)

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- **Reconciliation:** To make peace.

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- **John 13:35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (NIV®)

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- **Matthew 18:15-17** “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. (NIV®)

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*When we sin against each other, restore
each other as Christ restores us.*