



“Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, ‘This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ Then Jesus told them this parable...Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’” Luke 15:1-3, 25-32, NIV

*“We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.”
1 Thessalonians 5:12-15, NIV*

GOD DOESN'T SIMPLY INVITE US

HE _____ US AT HIS OWN EXPENSE

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE: WE WILL BE _____

Matthew 5:9 ESV - Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God

1. The _____ of a PEACEMAKING HOUSE
2. The _____ for a PEACEMAKING HOUSE
3. The _____ to a PEACEMAKING HOUSE



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PEACEMAKING FOR THE TROUBLEMAKERS

1. ADMONISH THE _____ : ...STIR THEM UP

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2. ENCOURAGE THE _____ : ...CHEER THEM UP

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3. HELP THE _____ : ...BUILD THEM UP

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POWER TO BE PEACEMAKERS...WHEN WE:

1. See how God is a _____
2. See how we are all _____
3. See how JESUS made _____ **FOR YOU**

“It has been the unanimous testimony of the greatest Christian souls that the nearer they drew to God the more acute became their consciousness of sin and their sense of personal unworthiness. The purest souls never knew how pure they were and the greatest saints never guessed that they were great. The very thought that they were good or great would have been rejected by them as a temptation of the devil.” (A.W. Tozer)

THE PROMISE TO PEACEMAKERS:

Matthew 5:9 - Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called **sons of God**

James 3:18 - Peacemakers who sow in peace **reap a harvest of righteousness**