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“He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Micah 6:8

Message from the Director

THE QUIET STRENGTH OF A PEACEMAKER

A Call for Christian Men to Pursue Peace and Justice

The world does not lack strong men. It lacks men whose strength serves peace. In a culture that often rewards aggression, dominance, and self-interest, Christ's call moves in a radically different direction: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9 NIV). Jesus does not call peacemakers "weak" or "passive." He calls them sons of God—heirs of His identity. To make peace is not to avoid conflict; it is to enter it with the character of Christ: firm in truth, tender in love, and relentless in the pursuit of what is right.

A Christian man who pursues peace also pursues justice, because you can't have one without the other. Peace without justice is silence in the face of oppression. Justice without peace is vengeance dressed in moral language. Scripture binds them: "The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever" (Isaías 32:17 NIV). True peace is the fruit of doing what is right—at home, in the community, and in every space where a man carries influence.

This means speaking up when others are silenced, standing beside the vulnerable, and refusing to let pride dictate responses. It means leading conversations with humility instead of volume, choosing reconciliation over retaliation, and teaching sons and daughters that real authority is expressed through service, not control.

What the church and the world need today are not louder men, but deeper ones—men who kneel before they stand, who listen before they speak, and who build bridges where others burn them. A peacemaking man does not shrink from hard truths; he delivers them soaked in grace. He does not ignore injustice; he confronts it with the courage that only comes from a close walk with God.

Peace is not the absence of tension. It is the presence of God's order in the midst of it. And the man who carries that order into his world changes everything he touches.

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Pastoral Note

WHAT JUSTICE REAPS

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The myth of redemptive violence teaches that justice requires force; that evil can only be overcome through violence and order restored by domination. Nearly every good-versus-evil story follows this script: a villain threatens the innocent, and a powerful hero defeats evil through superior violence. But violence is never redemptive.

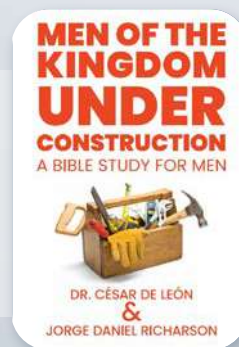
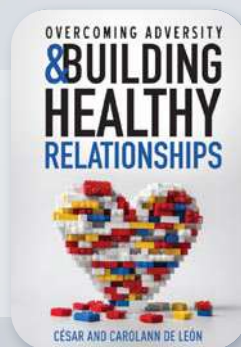
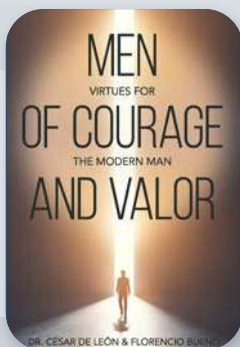
As a father, I feel this tension in everyday life. When my child ignores what I've clearly told him, again and again, my heart can swell with frustration and anger. Reason feels ineffective, and the temptation arises to believe that a raised voice or even physical force might finally correct the behavior. But it never does. Violence hardens hearts and breaks spirits; it does not redeem character or save the soul. My calling as a father and husband is to reflect Jesus—inviting, encouraging, and leading—not forcing my will on others.

Hebrews 12 compares our relationship with God to that of a child receiving discipline from a loving father. Discipline is uncomfortable, yet its purpose is clear: it produces a “harvest of righteousness and peace” (v.11). Too often we confuse discipline with penalty: spankings and yelling. But Scripture insists that true discipline results in peace, not fear. It concludes, “Strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees . . . so that what is lame may be healed” (v.12–13).

Whether dealing with a child, a spouse, or others, our response to wrongdoing must aim toward righteousness, peace, and healing. Violence can achieve none of these. Jesus confronted evil not with force, but with redemptive love—and in doing so, truly conquered it.

RESOURCES for LEADERS

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Men's Retreat**
Camp Kulaqua

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Testimony

A MAN UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Abner Moreno, Systems Engineer

I am a man in constant growth, both professionally and spiritually. By trade, I am an engineer, a vocation that has taught me to think systematically, solve complex problems, and value discipline, responsibility, and excellence in every detail.

Beyond my work, I consider myself a person who seeks to live with intention, serve others, and keep God at the center of every decision. I believe faith is not separate from daily life, but rather is reflected in how we work, how we treat others, and how we face challenges.

Accepting Jesus was not an impulsive moment, but the result of a deep process of reflection, internal struggle, and sincere search for truth. There came a time when I realized that, although I had structure, goals, and control in many areas of my life, there was a void that could not be filled by achievements or human effort.

It was at that point of humility where I recognized my need for Christ, not only as Savior but as guide and foundation. That encounter was intimate, transformative, and real; a moment where I understood that I was not meant to walk alone, but to trust fully in Him.

Since then, my life has taken a new direction and a deeper purpose. My faith has shaped my character, my priorities, and the way I face both success and challenges. I have learned to live with more peace, to make decisions with wisdom, and to act with greater compassion and responsibility.

Jesus not only changed the way I believe, but the way I live: how I love, how I work, how I serve, and how I hope. Today I walk with the certainty that God continues to shape my heart day by day, preparing me not only to fulfill a personal purpose but to be a blessing to others, in His time and according to His will.

CHALLENGE of the MONTH

Choose to act justly and peacefully in every relationship and respond without violence in every conflict.

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