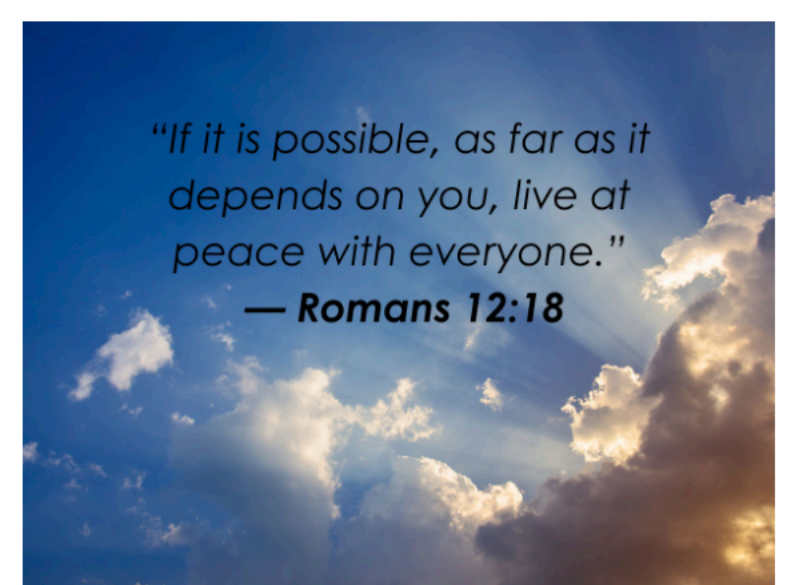




"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

— Romans 12:18

DEVOTION:

When we look at the world today, we see division—by race, class, nation, religion, and opinion. Yet from the beginning, God created **one humanity**, made in His image (Genesis 1:27). Every person carries divine worth and value. This truth should shape how we live and how we pursue peace.

As followers of Jesus, we are called not just to tolerate others, but to **love** them—deeply, sacrificially, and with the same grace that Christ showed us. The life of Jesus was a living testimony to **radical compassion**: eating with outcasts, healing the hurting, crossing social boundaries, and even forgiving His enemies.

True peace begins when we **recognize the humanity** in every person.

Peace is not merely the absence of conflict but the presence of **justice, reconciliation, and compassion**. It's rooted in how we treat others—with dignity and mercy.

This peace must start in our hearts, flow into our homes, and stretch into our communities and nations. The church is not just a building but a **body of believers** called to be a light in the darkness, a city on a hill, a witness to what God's kingdom looks like—a kingdom of peace.

Questions for Reflection:

- Do I see others through God's eyes, especially those who are different from me?
- Am I contributing to peace or division in my words, actions, and online presence?
- How can I reflect God's heart for humanity in a broken world?

Prayer:

Gracious God,
Thank You for creating every human being in Your image.
Forgive me when I fail to see the worth in others or when I add to division instead of peace.
Fill my heart with Your compassion and justice.
Teach me to love others as You love them.
Let Your peace rule in my heart and flow through my life.
Use me to bring healing to a divided world and to reflect Your kingdom here on earth.
In Jesus' name, Amen.