



THE GIFT EXCHANGE

**FROM CHAOS
TO PEACE**



Blue Bell





WHAT IS PEACE?

**TOTAL WELL-BEING, SECURITY ASSOCIATED WITH
GOD'S PRESENCE AMONG HIS PEOPLE.**



WHAT IS PEACE?

"FOR THUS SAYS THE LORD: DO NOT ENTER THE HOUSE OF MOURNING, OR GO TO LAMENT OR GRIEVE FOR THEM, FOR I HAVE TAKEN AWAY MY PEACE FROM THIS PEOPLE, MY STEADFAST LOVE AND MERCY, DECLARES THE LORD."



JEREMIAH 16:5

WHAT IS PEACE?

**"THEY HAVE HEALED THE WOUND OF MY PEOPLE LIGHTLY,
SAYING, 'PEACE, PEACE' WHEN THERE IS NO PEACE."**



JEREMIAH 6:14

WHAT IS PEACE?

**"I WILL MAKE WITH THEM A COVENANT OF PEACE AND
BANISH WILD BEASTS FROM THE LAND, SO THAT THEY
MAY DWELL SECURELY IN THE WILDERNESS AND
SLEEP IN THE WOODS."**



EZEKIEL 34:25

WHAT IS PEACE?

**"FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN; AND
THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER, AND
HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR,
MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE."**



ISAIAH 9:6

WHAT IS PEACE?

**PEACE ISN'T JUST AN ABSENCE.
PEACE IS A PRESENCE.**



HOW DO WE GET PEACE?



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"AND HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER MARVELED AT WHAT WAS SAID ABOUT HIM. AND SIMEON BLESSED THEM AND SAID TO MARY HIS MOTHER, 'BEHOLD, THIS CHILD IS APPOINTED FOR THE FALL AND RISING OF MANY IN ISRAEL, AND FOR A SIGN THAT IS OPPOSED (AND A SWORD WILL PIERCE THROUGH YOUR OWN SOUL ALSO), SO THAT THOUGHTS FROM MANY HEARTS MAY BE REVEALED.'"



LUKE 2:33-35

HOW DO WE GET PEACE?

JESUS CAUSES CONFLICT AMONG PEOPLE.



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"THE MANGER AT CHRISTMAS MEANS THAT, IF YOU LIVE LIKE JESUS, THERE WON'T BE ROOM FOR YOU IN A LOT OF INNS."

TIM KELLER



HOW DO WE GET PEACE?

"I AM FOR PEACE; BUT WHEN I SPEAK, THEY ARE FOR WAR."



PSALM 120:7

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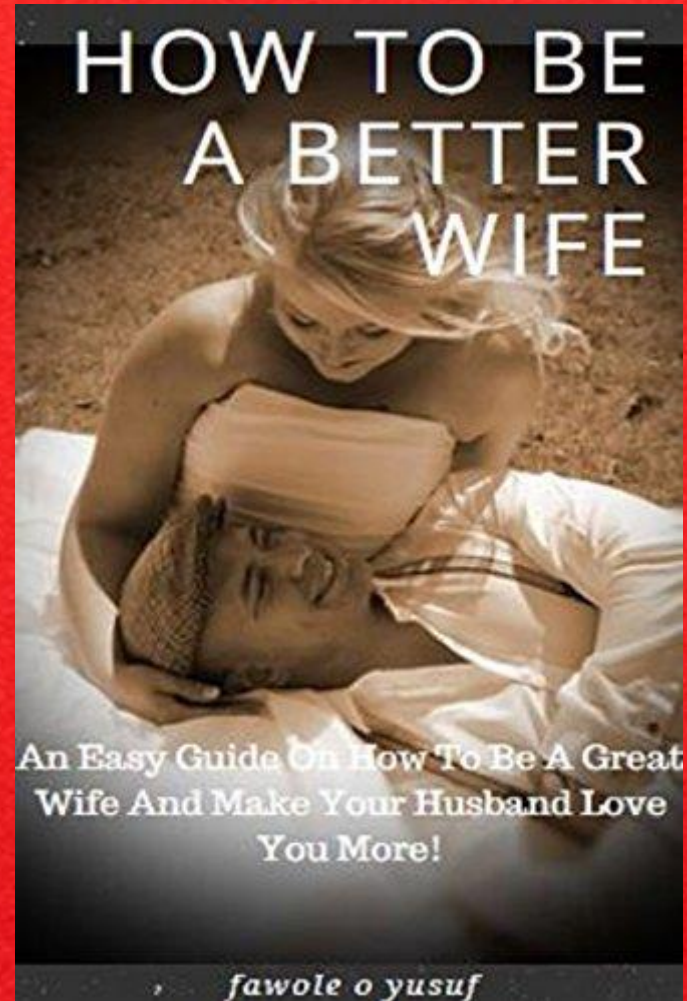
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**"THE CHILD OF GOD HAS TWO GREAT MARKS ABOUT HIM...HE
MAY BE KNOWN BY HIS INWARD WARFARE-
AS WELL AS HIS INWARD PEACE."**

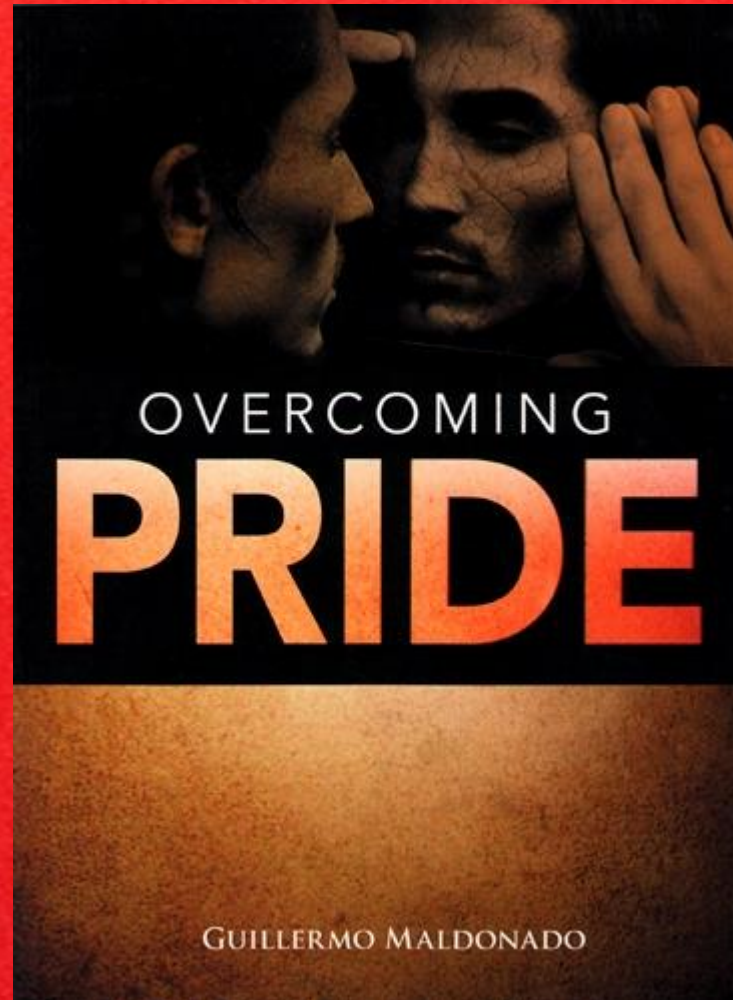
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**"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE
CALLED SONS OF GOD."**



MATTHEW 5:9

**AVOIDING TRUTH LEADS TO PEACEKEEPING.
EMBRACING TRUTH LEADS TO PEACEMAKING.**



**"THE LORD IS AT HAND; DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING,
BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH
THANKSGIVING LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD.
AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING,
WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS."**

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7



**"WORRY DOES NOT EMPTY TOMORROW OF ITS SORROW. IT
EMPTIES TODAY OF ITS STRENGTH."**



CORRIE TEN BOOM (SHELTERED JEWS IN WWII)