

## Pursue Peace in a Civil War

### Getting Started

1. What is your favorite sport to watch and why?
2. What Old Testament character do you admire the most?

### Digging Deeper

3. The list of wives in II Sam 3:1-5 informs the readers of the political alliances being formed by David. What does this teach us about how David related to his neighbors?
4. Ish-bosheth illustrates the person who is passive and inactive in the conflicts around him. What happened to passive Ish-bosheth in this war (3:6-11, 14-15)?
5. Why would David have been so angry over the death of Abner (3:27-30, 37-39)?

### Living It Out

6. What Bible passage(s) would recommend someone to read who is going through personal/family conflicts?
7. There are three responses to conflict: active peacemaking, inactivity, and agitation (those who thrive in conflict). What response is most natural for you?
8. How can we use personal conflicts to bring the story of the Gospel into the lives of unbelievers?
9. What can our church offer to families in conflict?

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II Samuel 2:1-3:39

Conflict and division will enter your life. It is unavoidable. Therefore, we must be prepared to seek peace when others bring conflict into our lives in order to be like Christ. David will show us how to seek peace in the Israeli Civil War while Abner will show us the danger of being an agitator this morning.

**The peacemaker seeks  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD.**

**The peacemaker blesses those  
who \_\_\_\_\_ across \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The agitator seeks \_\_\_\_\_  
for personal \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The agitator uses \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ for personal \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The agitator uses \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ for personal \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The agitator will find \_\_\_\_\_ even  
when the peacemaker seeks \_\_\_\_\_.**

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