

GREETINGS

A month or so ago I twisted my ankle while out running. Fortunately, it was not serious. However 3 weeks later I am still not running. My physiotherapist brightened my day by telling me I could run for 10 minutes. Then she said I would have to wait a few more days. Being used to running up to an hour at a time, this was somewhat disappointing but she is a professional and should know what she is talking about.

I was thinking that as my foot felt okay I should be able to just get out there and pick up from where I left off. Unfortunately, when damage is done some things are not visible on the surface.

So it is with relationships. Over a period of time where there has been significant conflict and one party calls "time out" for separation it can often be inappropriate to expect the reconciliation to take a very short time. Such long episodes of conflict are not usually dealt with by a quick fix. Trust has been broken and needs to be restored.

Like my recovering ankle injury a person can't just go back to where he or she was. There needs to be some spiritual physiotherapy. God's grace needs to be sought and experienced. Allow time for repentance and then allow time for forgiveness. If both are rushed or forced then those in conflict are only brushing the surface of the heart issues and not dealing with the underlying matters.

"Make level paths for your feet, so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed." – Heb 12:13

Let us help people rather than hinder. May you be encouraged as you assist people deal with conflict in their lives.



Neil Evans
CEO *resolve*

MEET THE BOARD - KELVYN FAIRHALL



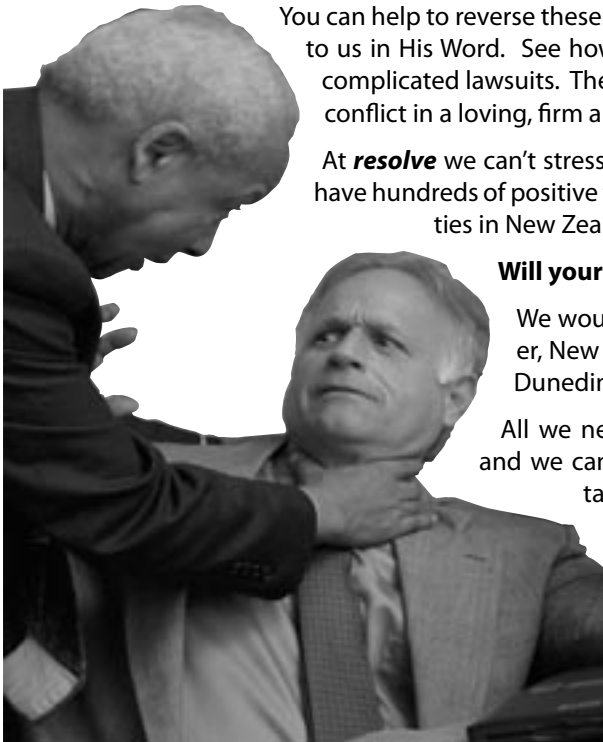
Many of you will know Kelvyn Fairhall, as the current National Administrator for the Baptist Union of New Zealand. Kelvyn initially trained as an accountant then spent four years at NZ Baptist Theological College before entering pastoral ministry. After service in four Baptist churches he was asked to join the team at the Baptist National Resource Centre in 1995 as accountant and took up his present position in 2002. For seventeen years Kelvyn was in pastoral ministry in Baptist Churches in New Zealand and Canada.

Kelvyn has served on a number of regional bodies within the Baptist denomination as well as school Boards of Trustees and inter-church groups. With wife Mary he has five adult children and six grandchildren. He enjoys roaming around the New Zealand countryside, is currently converting a small bus to a mobile camper and enjoys arm-chair sport. Kelvyn graduated from the Peacemakers Reconciler Training Course in 2003. Kelvyn has been the Treasurer and a valued member of the Resolve Board since 2002.

Next issue, we continue our introduction of our Board Members. If your paths meet, please introduce yourself and ask them more about Resolve!

GOOD CHRISTIANS NEVER FIGHT OR DO THEY?

- Why does getting ready for church on Sunday morning always lead to family arguments?
- How can someone who calls himself a Christian businessman be such a crook? Now I have to take him to court.
- With all the fighting we do, divorce seems the only answer.
- I disagree with the way they lead this church. Now I will have to go to another church.



You can help to reverse these patterns. Learn how to apply the peacemaking principles God has given to us in His Word. See how they have been used to resolve everything from family squabbles to complicated lawsuits. Then apply these principles in your family, church and workplace to resolve conflict in a loving, firm and God-pleasing manner.

At **resolve** we can't stress enough the benefits of attending a biblical peacemaking seminar. We have hundreds of positive testimonies of the value of the seminar yet there are still many communities in New Zealand where **resolve** has not held seminars.

Will your church be willing to host a seminar?

We would particularly like to host seminars in Whangarei, Taupo/Rotorua, Napier, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Wellington, Nelson, Westport/Greymouth, Dunedin and Queenstown.

All we need is about 30 keen people and we can run a seminar. Please contact us by phoning Wendy at 09-2962079 or Neil at 09-4103550 to discuss possibilities so we can organise a great seminar in your town.

HOW YOU RATED THE PEACEMAKER SEMINARS!

The seminar was very helpful and I highly recommend it. Thanks again.
– Jill (Pastor)

A belated thankyou for the *resolve* Seminar back in May. It is valuable material even for day to day - the teaching on my desire and my demand is challenging. Thankyou again. – Kathy

The seminar was well presented and supplemented with excellent notes ... The peacemaker seminar seems ideally placed for church members ... - Doug (Pastor)

I made it to a Peacemaker Seminar in Welcome Bay, Tauranga last year and found it quite good. – Jenny

Greetings friends. As (a pastor) ... I benefited personally from this seminar and believe that the concepts taught need to be presented to my church, in their specific context. Towards this end, I desire to teach the Biblical principles that I learnt ... to my congregation. Blessings and peace upon your important ministry. – Roger

It was an excellent seminar, very well worth the time thanks. Blessings. – Dick (Pastor)

DECEMBER 2005 RECONCILER TRAINING PRACTICUM

December 1 & 2

What hard work our participants put into the July course, and what experience and fun we all got out of it!

We can just squeeze in one more Reconciler Training Course before it starts getting too busy for Christmas. Just like those Christmas stockings, this practicum is filling up quick and places are limited to just 20 people. Registrations are being taken now – so call the *resolve* office on 09 2962079 to ask for more information.

As you work through a mediation step-by-step, and gain experience by participating in mediations based on actual cases, you'll build confidence in what God can do through you to help people in conflict. You'll be able to offer help and hope to people in conflict.

Unlike our friends in the Northern Hemisphere, we do not expect snow to disrupt travel plans, so we hope to see you there!

(See the back page of this Newsletter for further information, and page 3 for the registration form. Please note: We reserve the right to cancel if there are not enough people to hold the course.)

MORE FROM OUR GLAD RECONCILER GRADS ...

I had an inability to resolve conflict biblically and knew I needed tools ... Student/Instructor feedback is really encouraging ... (The) devotion done on day one was really thought provoking ... Passionate about ministry. Keep going. – Diane (Counsellor)

Keep up the great work guys. My prayer would be that this ministry grows and for all of you that God will give you great wisdom through the Holy Spirit as you train and lead others. – A Pastor

WHY STIR UP OLD ISSUES?

TRUE STORIES

So often, it is far easier to ignore conflict and its negative effects than to deal with it head on--especially if the source of the conflict is in the distant past. In this letter of testimony, a pastor avoids the easy route of ignoring the past conflict and instead, leads his new church in a powerful act of reconciliation.

Our family moved to this church planting situation ready for a new situation and ministry. The boys were ready for a larger high school, my wife was ready for a change, and I was ready for a challenge.

The church had been meeting for two years. The congregation was still grieving their former pastor, who had gone to the mission field. I soon learned that this town played hardball when dealing with conflict and that culture affected the churches: the previous year, 25% of the churches had split.

And then I heard that the church I was pastoring had started from a church split.

Upon investigating, I found that a neighboring church had gone through a severe crisis two and a half years ago. Because of that crisis, four families withdrew and began meeting in a home. They eventually founded the church I was pastoring. Then five months before I came, our church had a split and three of the original four families left. Something in this situation was begging for healing, but where to start?

I don't mind Christians leaving a church because God has led them to another church. But when Christians complain to the community about their former church, the enemy gets an easy victory. I decided this would be our starting point. I went to the new pastor of the neighboring church and asked if we could make an apology to his church for the divisive behavior of the past. He didn't want to stir up old issues, but finally graciously gave us permission to speak to his people.

Then I went to the leaders of our church and presented the problem and opportunity. They didn't want to stir up old issues either, but eventually agreed to write an apology that we could read at the other church. One of the leaders wrote the apology by consulting with each leader, and that document served as a point of agreement for all the leaders of our church.

For several weeks the other pastor and I communicated with our two churches, preparing them for what we would do. The Sunday finally arrived. Our leaders and I went to the neighboring church at the beginning of their service. The pastor acknowledged us and I went to the front. As I read the statement, several people in the church wiped tears away.

Then the pastor asked each of our leaders to say something. In humility they each spoke of their desire for working in unity and not bitterness. Then the pastor graciously praised us and what we wanted to accomplish. Five minutes later we were headed to our church rejoicing and feeling God's smile on us.

The negotiating and communicating for the act of reading an apology took time and effort. But the prayer burden for this was bigger than I expected, and during those prayers, I had to confront some areas in my past. I was surprised that in order to lead our church in unity, I had to deal with an area of my childhood. Once dealt with, I could deal with leading the church.

The results? Several weeks later we celebrated with a picnic shared by our two churches. It was a wonderful time of fellowship with an atmosphere of peace and hope. And our church hasn't had another split. Praise the Lord for the things He leads us to do.

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GETTING INVOLVED

Please register me

for a Peacemaker Seminar - Numbers attending _____

for the Reconciler Training Course Numbers attending _____

Our group would like to hold a Seminar

A minimum of 12 people is required to hold a seminar.

I would like to know more!

I'd like to become a Donor

I would like to partner this ministry by prayer.

I would like to partner this ministry with financial support.

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BARGAIN HUNTING?

Top Shelf Peacemaker Resources @ Bargain Prices!

1. Buy 1 Young Peacemaker Set – Manual and Activity Books (\$86.00) for just \$60.00

Get 1 *Guiding People Through Conflict* (\$14.00) for \$10.00 – a total saving of \$30.00!

2. Buy 1 The Peacemaker Video Series (\$190.00) for \$140.00

Get *Peacemaking for Families* (\$30.00) for \$15.00 – a total saving of \$65.00!

3. Buy 1 Peacemaker Parables Video (\$35.00) for \$16.00

Get 1 of our best sellers *The Peacemaker book* (\$36.00) for \$34.00 – a total saving of \$21.00!

WHILE STOCKS LAST!

Choice 1 @ \$70.00 x# ___ \$ ___

Choice 2 @ \$155.00 x# ___ \$ ___

Choice 3 @ \$50.00 x# ___ \$ ___

Don't forget our most popular selling books

The Peacemaker by Ken Sande @ \$36.00 x# ___ \$ ___

Guiding People Through Conflict @ \$14.00 x# ___ \$ ___

P&P \$5.00 NZ (per pack) \$ ___

P&P \$10.00 (overseas, per pack) \$ ___

Total \$ ___

Ask us for a full list of resources

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YOUNG PEACEMAKER SET

(Manual and Activity Books)
A powerful new system to teach children to prevent and resolve conflict. Each of the ten-page booklets in this set of 12 is power-packed with vibrantly illustrated stories and engaging activities that teach kids to become peacemakers.



GUIDING PEOPLE THROUGH CONFLICT

This quick to read 48 page booklet provides practical nuts and bolts guidance on how you can help other people resolve conflicts. It includes five cases studies based on disputes that were actually in the church, which illustrate the key principles and specific steps of conflict counselling, mediation, and arbitration.



PEACEMAKING FOR FAMILIES

Through solidly scriptural truths and engaging stories, Ken Sande (with Tom Raabe) offers Christ-centred hope and practical help for managing conflict in your home.



PEACEMAKER PARABLES VIDEO

This series of video clips performed by the professional Christian actors powerfully displays the foundational biblical Peacemaking principles.



THE PEACEMAKER A Biblical Guide to resolving Personal Conflict

Ken Sande describes powerful Biblical principles you can use to resolve everything from simple personal offences to family and marital conflicts, church divisions, business and employment disputes, and complicated law-suits.



All resources can be found on the Peacemaker Ministries website www.peacemaker.net and purchased from the *resolve* office

BUILDING A CULTURE OF PEACE

As a Peacemaker, you can help restore people into right relationship and to God.

We need your help, by filling in the gaps! Please refer registration form and consider how you can make a difference in this ministry.

- **Peacemaker Seminars** – Come along and hear about the Four G's, and a lot more! The cost of the Seminar includes the Biblical Peacemaking Workbook and morning and afternoon tea – all for only \$70! Could you sponsor someone else to attend?
- **We need your help.** Please refer to the registration form on page 3 and consider how you can make a difference in this ministry.
- **Reconciler Training Course** – Be quick! Applications for this course are limited to 20 spaces. Plan for a full two days to train you to be a Peacemaker. \$480 Covers all costs associated with the Practicum. The full set of Reconciler Course materials is available at a cost of \$250 for the audiotape version. Quantity discounts are available!
- **Sponsor a Seminar** – If you've been to a Peacemaker Seminar, you will want others to know how to apply the principles of peacemaking. Consider sponsorship! Just ask us how to go about it.
- **Donor Form** – Please prayerfully consider how you can support *resolve*, by prayer and/or donation. Your partnership is vital to this ministry.
- **Newsletter Survey** – Help us get it right – we want to keep you informed in the best possible way. Please tick the box that suits your need on page 3.

THANK YOU

We have moved – but only our box number!

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