



# ONE NATION, ONE PEOPLE

YOUTH AS PEACEBUILDERS

PSALM 133:1

# PEACE

Peace is often described as the absence of violence or war, however peace is much more complex and its various forms, represents the absence of conflict and violence, encompassing a state of tranquility, harmony, and security.

It's also a balance of power, and a structure of expectations.

It goes much deeper in understanding more beneath just what is on the surface

# There two main types of peace

## Negative Peace

- ▶ The absence of direct physical conflict, violence or war.
- ▶ A state of where there's no open conflict, but the underlying causes of conflict that cannot be seen on the surface.

## Positive Peace

- ▶ goes beyond the absence of violence.
- ▶ It's the presence of justice, harmony, equity, dignity and healthy relationships.
- ▶ It involves addressing the root causes of conflict and creating healthy systems where people feel safe, respected, heard and seen.

# Levels of Peacebuilding

- ▶ Inner Peace
- ▶ Interpersonal Peace
- ▶ Environmental Peace
- ▶ Global Peace

# Importance of peacebuilding

- ▶ **Direct victims**
- ▶ **Recruitment**
- ▶ **Disruption**
- ▶ **Generational transitions**
- ▶ **Future leaders**
- ▶ **Energy**
- ▶ **Innovation**
- ▶ **Agents of change**

# How and Why

- ▶ **Social media** leveraging social media to raise awareness about peacebuilding issues and mobilize support for peace initiatives.
- ▶ **Advocacy** actively advocating for policies that support peace and security, such as the Youth, Peace, and Security agenda.
- ▶ **Grassroots initiatives** various initiatives, Trauma healing, education, dialogue, and community development projects, that promote peace.
- ▶ **Sustainable Peace:** long term, positive, intergenerational
- ▶ **Strong foundations** cultural, spiritually, community cohesion
- ▶ **Positive Values and Attitudes.** Empathy, understanding, resilient, Non-violent conflict resolution, respect and commitment.



## BIBLICAL PROCESS OF CHANGE (FIVE R'S)

**Responsibility** for personal thoughts, attitudes, desires, feelings, motivations, words, and actions

**Repentance** for sinful thoughts and actions

**Reconciliation** with God and those involved by confessing the sins, asking for forgiveness and forgiving others

**Renewal** of the mind by developing an awareness of thoughts and actions.

**Replacement** of old habits with new good habits.

## MAINTAINING CHANGE (ACRONYM “ACCEPT”)

**A – Acknowledge** personal responsibility for thoughts and actions

**C – Choose** to live by biblical principles in all circumstances

**C – Commit** to a plan to eliminate whatever hinders biblical change

**E – Execute** the plan with energy toward the goals set

**P – Persevere** in obedience to Biblical principles

**T – Trust God** for the strength and resources for change





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