

## 20 Questions for Confirmation

### Q20: What does it mean to be a peacemaker?

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**Video:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4p5286T\\_kn0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4p5286T_kn0)

#### **Response** to Clint Pulver/Be a Mr. Jensen Video

How might Clint Pulver have felt in his classes before his conversation with Mr. Jensen?

Before his conversation with Mr. Jensen, how does Clint talk about his place in the “community” of friends? With the teachers? With his principal?

What makes us fit in?

What gives you peace?

How do you define peace or know when you have peace?

**What is peace?** Peace is not a simple feeling or an easy characteristic to be aware of in ourselves. Peace comes through knowing that we are “ok” no matter what. When things are difficult or chaotic or traumatic, peace seems like the last thing we think about. We manage passionate feelings and circumstances rather than paying attention to what can bring us calm. We make decisions in the moment which we may question later. Knowing we are loved by God, knowing we have healthy places to be accepted and welcomed (such as a church), knowing we have healthy people who will always listen and help us work out solutions (family, friends, teachers, neighbors, coaches, organizational leaders) can help us know peace in our hearts and give us a way to be courageous in any situation. God and healthy people help us balance life’s chaos with an awareness that we are worthy and we are loveable and we are loved!

#### **Use the Bible: Luke 15: 11-32**

<sup>11</sup> And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to<sup>[a]</sup> one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and

ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants,<sup>[c]</sup> 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

**Response to the Bible Story:** Who in this story is at peace? Do any of the characters change in their peaceful status through the story?

Is there chaos in this story?

What helps them to feel uneasy? at peace?

**Recap:** Clint used tapping to help him work out uneasy moments in his day. The younger son left home to find his own way towards peace. The older son stayed home in a peaceful environment. The father was the center of peace (allowing the younger son to leave, the older son to stay, the younger son to return, and the older son to be angry) in the family.

### **Closing questions?**

Who are the peacemakers in your life? How might you follow in their footsteps?

Have you ever been someone's peacemaker?

Who tells you their uneasy times? How do you let them know they are loved and listened to?

**Close with prayer** using the word P-E-A-C-E. Write a petition for each letter. Read the prayer aloud together.