



Title: Sticks and Stones

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Synopsis: As children we can all probably remember declaring that “sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never hurt me.” Maybe we even believed. We certainly wished it were true. But in reality words hurt far worse than a broken bone. Broken bones, after all, eventually heal. But the wounds that are created by words we often carry around throughout our entire lives.

So how is it that the mouth that God created to praise him is used to harm and to curse those who are created like him? How is it that one person, created in God’s image, can do so much damage to another person, who is also created in God’s image? Are we really that different? Are our needs and ambitions really that important? Don’t we all need peace with God?

I guess it would make sense that if Jesus died so that we might have peace with God, then those who make every effort to have peace in this world are continuing his work. I guess that’s why Jesus called the peacemakers sons of God. Just like him.