

July 8, 2007
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Renewing Our Thinking about Love

Romans 12:14-21

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3. Why do you think God calls us to peace rather than revenge?
4. What is the goal of seeking reconciliation with your enemy?
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