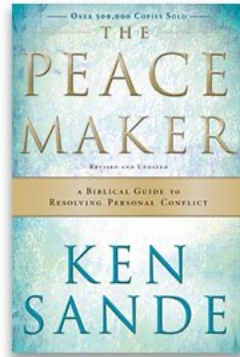


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Equipped for Conflict – Part 3
New Song Community Church
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3. Gently restore
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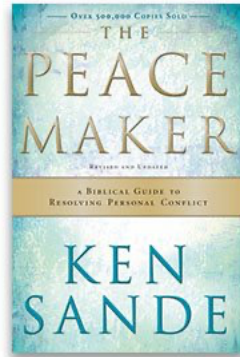
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