

Friends,

I have a Bible commentary with an image on the cover that I love. It is a drawing of a lion and a lamb laying down together under the shade of a tree. The Bible is a large book, filled with a multitude of stories, characters, and images, and I love the fact that they chose *this* image for the cover. It of course comes from the book of Isaiah, which indicates that one day "the lion will lay down with the lamb." This cover gives us a glimpse of the beautiful future that God has planned for us. A future where there is no more conflict or war, where even the fiercest animals can lay down together. Ultimately, this coming kingdom of peace is God's work.

However, we can also ask ourselves, how do our lives reflect God's dream of peace today? How do we actively seek peace in our lives, with our loved ones, and neighbors, even our enemies? Do we live as peacemakers, as Jesus commands us? This cover always convicts me to ask this of myself, and it's good for all of us to reflect on this from time to time as Christ's followers.



On the journey with you,  
Pastor Jordan