In the just war literature, adherence to the rules of war is defended as a way of establishing the foundation for a future peace with the current enemy – by using only legal means to kill enemy soldiers and civilians, we demonstrate our respect for their humanity. In my talk, I’d like to take a critical look at the assumption that a war could ever produce peace. I offer a positive conception of peace as a trusting relationship between political communities, and argue that if we seek to live together in peace with our current enemy, war will be an impossible means.