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# Peace on Earth NOW!

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The thing with being a pastor...is that you see sermons in everything!

I had that experience the other day.

I was going through emails (deleting a billion of them) and saw a title of an article (I didn't read), but it caught my attention.

**THE TITLE:** "Peace on Earth? Not Yet!"

**NOW:** Again, I did not read the article...so it could have been click-bait...but what it seemed to be telling me is what most people expect when it comes to PEACE.

There can't be peace on earth when there is still WARS, TRIALS, HARDSHIPS, PESTILANCE, DISEASES, HURT, DIVISIONS, etc.

As long as those things exist...PEACE will elude us!

Well, what the problem actually is...is lack of understanding!

**"Peace"** – shalom (OT) and eirene (NT) – both meaning prosperity, safety, calm, welfare, wholeness—nothing missing nothing broken.

**HERE IS THE THING:** Nothing in these definitions or even in the Bible tells us that THIS PEACE is a lack of battles or wars or even temptations or storms.

**Mark 4:35-40**

35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

**NOTICE:** Storm! Big storm!

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

**NOTICE:** Jesus is sleeping! He is experiencing peace in the middle of the storm!

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, ***Peace, be still.*** And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

**BELOVED:** You cannot speak what you don't have! If Jesus wasn't full of PEACE, He would not have been able to successfully spoken PEACE...and have the winds obey.

**UNDERSTAND:** That is the way with FAITH too...if there is NO faith in you...you can pretend you have it, but you won't have the authority to do it.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

**UNDERSTAND:** They had no faith...because they had no peace!

**BELOVED:** Peace isn't the absence of battles or storms...it is the calm in you in the midst of them. It is knowing Who is with you in the storms.

Peace isn't the ABSENCE of anything...it is the PRESENCE of God in anything!

## Peace That Passes Understanding

Philippians 4:6,7

6 **Be careful for nothing;** but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanks-giving let your requests be made known unto God.  
 7 And **the peace of God,** which **passeth all understanding,** shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

- 1.) Keeps your heart and minds  
Goes back to our SOUL! Mind, will and emotions (circle of victory).
- 2.) "**Careful**" – anxious thought (lack of peace).
- 3.) Cure? Prayer and thanksgiving!
- 4.) Peace of God...passes understanding!

**IN OTHER WORDS:** If everything was always perfect and there were no storms or battles...it WOULD make sense that you have peace.

There are a lot of people who are waiting for this to happen to have peace...but that would only make sense.

**GOD'S peace doesn't make sense!** It passes understanding.

When Jesus came to the earth...HE BROUGHT peace!

He didn't bring a stop to wars, battles and storms...He brought peace in the middle of the storms.

Matthew 24 tells us that as time gets closer to the end...there will be an increase of WARS and rumors of wars!

Don't be shocked when battles come...understand we all have battles!

We all have to go through them the same way.

**Some of us are at different points.**

**ILLUSTRATION:** How many have ever dug a hole. Ya, it is not a new thing for any of us! We've grabbed a shovel and got to work...sweated...ached...etc.

This summer we had some dirt to move...Pastor Mike brought a skid-steer to help us move dirt around the yard. So he began moving dirt and Jessica began digging a trench (with a shovel) so water would move away from the pool area. Pastor Mike finally came over and told her to move...took the skid-steer and put the blade in the ground and within seconds had dug into the ground the depth we needed and moved about 10 feet of dirt.

Same situation...but what he was equipped with was GREATER.

It may look like some people deal with storms better than others...but what is actually happening is they are equipped with more faith...greater peace!

It becomes OUR JOB not to be annoyed by it...but follow those who are doing faith greater... moving more!

Colossians 3:15 – ***And let the peace of God rule in your hearts***, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.”

**ILLUSTRATION:** I like listening to comedians...I have heard a bunch of them...some funnier and cleaner than others.

One comedian was telling how he gets most of his material. He said that early in life he recognized whenever a situation arose, he could either just take the easy way out...or he could do what makes the best story. He chose the latter! So when situations arose...he always chose to say the silly thing...do the crazy thing...because it would make the better story.

**WELL**, that is what Colossians is telling us in a way...when any situation (battle, trial or an all out war) appears, we have a choice to make...take stress and anxiety to ourselves or you can chose to do what MAKES FOR PEACE.

***It really is your choice.***

## What Makes for Peace?

### 1.) The Presence makes for Peace!

In Joshua 3, the children of Israel were ready to cross over into the Promised Land...but they were faced with a body of water.

The Jordan River was known for its strong, turbulent current...especially at harvest time (the time they were facing).

**LISTEN:** No one would dare try to cross that river...it was too crazy.

#### Joshua 3:15-17

- 15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)
- 16 That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zarethan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.
- 17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

**NOTE:** The ark represented the presence of God.

There was NO WAY to cross this challenge...unless the presence of God went before them! Went with them.

**REMEMBER:** The cloud by day and fire by night! The presence of God brought them through the challenges.

John 14:27 – “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

## 2.) The Word makes for Peace!

I love the account of David in 1 Samuel 17...no one in Israel was experiencing peace when Goliath came out to play.

But David ran to the battlefield.

What did He take with Him?

~ Five smooth stones – represents the Word.

~ His rod – represents the Word.

~ His covenant with God – represents the OATH (promises).

He had peace when no one else did, because of the Word he carried with Him!

Psalm 119:105 – "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

## 3.) Our Praise makes for Peace!

Do you think 2 Chronicles 20 would tell that story.

Jehoshaphat and the nation of Israel didn't know HOW God was going to do it...but the worshippers and praise band was going out front.

It would make the presence of God a reality in their midst.

They praised and God set ambushments.

Are you ready for some of your situations to experience ambushments by God? Then let peace enter in through your praise.

**BELOVED:** Praise isn't about the music (per se), it is about recognition of how good God is...how BIG God is...how FAITHFUL He is!

Psalm 149 and 150

## Conclusion

Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

God has plans for all of us!

He has given us giftings! Callings! Responsibilities! All these things to carry out.

**MOST OF US** are saying, "How can I do that!" It is too big! I am not able!

**BELOVED:** If you think that God's calls on your life will come without trials and storms...you are greatly mistaken. The enemy doesn't want you living in God's best for you.

He wants you annoyed going to work every day. He wants you frustrated with the peripheral stuff of life.

**YOU SAY:** But things are getting tougher and tougher in this world.

**BELOVED:** You have 1 job...above all jobs...do what makes for PEACE in your life!

***In the middle of peace your faith will grow.***

***In the middle of peace your perception of God will increase.***

***In the middle of peace His voice will get clearer...  
therefore, the plan will develop!***

Don't wait for the storm to stop to hear...make for PEACE, and command the storm to stop!