

PEACE IN MY STORM
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- When life is tough and circumstances are swirling around you, it is very easy to allow fear to creep in and dominate your thoughts AND control your life.
- Peace SHOULD be a way of life for every believer.
 - Romans 5:1-2 – NKJV - ¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have ***peace*** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
- Everywhere we go, we should walk in peace, PEACE IS OUR MESSAGE.
 - Ephesians 6:15 – NKJV - ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of ***peace***;
- Jesus left us peace through the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.
 - John 14:26-28 (New King James Version) ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. ²⁸ You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming *back* to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.
 - Philippians 4:4-9 – NKJV - ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the ***peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.***
- PEACE comes as a result of being in proper position with GOD.
- When we are in close fellowship with the Father, through prayer, reading the word, worship, and communion with Him, we can operate in peace.
- You see when we are not closely connected to God and circumstances or situations arise, it doesn't matter how much you pray for peace, you won't get it.
- The problem is not a lack of God's supply of peace, the problem is that we are out of position in order to function in peace.
- Our level of intimacy and relationship with God determines the level of peace we can experience in our life.

- How do we get in position to live and operate in peace?
 - Become a rejoicing and joyful person
 - Be considerate of others
 - Ask without worrying if you will receive
 - Pray in every situation with thanksgiving

- When we put ourselves into the proper position to operate in peace, God's word becomes active in your life.
 - Verse 7 – ***The peace of God will be a guard over your heart and your mind.***
 - Verse 8 – ***Put your mind on the right things.***
 - Verse 9 – ***The very God of peace will be with you.***

- We can cultivate peace as we grow in God.
 - Galatians 5:22-23 ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, PEACE, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

- We can stop responding to fear and allow peace to rule our life.
 - Colossians 3:12-17 NKJV - ¹² Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

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And from the perilous pestilence.
 - ⁴ He shall cover you with His feathers,
And under His wings you shall take refuge;
His truth *shall be your* shield and buckler.
 - ⁵ You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,
Nor of the arrow that flies by day,
 - ⁶ *Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,*
Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

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And ten thousand at your right hand;
But it shall not come near you.
- 8 Only with your eyes shall you look,
And see the reward of the wicked.
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Even the Most High, your dwelling place,
- 10 No evil shall befall you,
Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;
- 11 For He shall give His angels charge over you,
To keep you in all your ways.
- 12 In *their* hands they shall bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,
The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
- 14 “Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him on high, because he has known My name.
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