



Sunday, December 24th 2016

...And he will be their peace. Micah 5:4-5

Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, Glory to God in highest, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased. Luke 2:10-14 (NLT)

Some think, Peace on earth means:

- The world will be at peace.
- The absence of war.
- The absence of conflict.

Here is great news:

- Though the world can't produce it, there is hope for peace in your life.

Real Peace is:

- Real peace is not the absence of something, but the presence of someone.

I've told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world." John 16:33 (MSG)

- Real peace is not about what's going on around me, but the condition within me.

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. John 14:27 (NLT)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

You, LORD, give true peace to those who depend on you, because they trust you. Isaiah 26:3 (NCV)

- Chaos and circumstances only reveal the level of peace within us.
- The key to peace is surrender.
Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to do whatever he wants. May everything you said come true." Luke 1:38 (TLB)

Surrender is:

- Allowing God to make me into who he wants me to be.

Surrendering that produces peace:

- Ask Jesus to be the Lord of your life.

"I am the Lord's servant". Luke 1:38 (TLB)

This is the message of Good News ...that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Acts 10:36

- Trust God with your prayers.
"...I am willing to do whatever He wants..." Luke 1:38 (TLB)

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Then God's peace, which goes beyond anything we can imagine, will guard your thoughts and emotions through Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6-7

- Keep your mind on the right person.
May everything you said come true... Luke 1:38 (TLB)

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Isaiah 26:3.

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Here are some questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What does this statement mean to you: Real peace is not the absence of something, but the presence of someone. Explain.
- How about this statement: Peace is not about what's going on around me, but the condition within me. Explain in your own words.
- How do chaos and circumstances reveal the level of peace within us? What does that mean to you?
- Why is the key to having peace found in surrender? What does that mean?
- Under the subheading: "Surrendering that produces peace:", Which of these is a struggle for you? How have you experienced peace in these actions?

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