



**res-to-ra-tion:** the action of returning something to a **former condition**. Original condition

- Restoration is required when something has been **neglected**.
- We'll only make the time to restore the things we **care about**.
- Restoration is a **continuous** process in our lives.

So no wonder we don't give up. For even though our outer person gradually wears out, our inner being is renewed every single day. We view our slight, short-lived troubles in the light of eternity. We see our difficulties as the substance that produces for us an eternal, weighty glory far beyond all comparison, because we don't focus our attention on what is seen but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but the unseen realm is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (TPT)

- We won't experience a restored life if our **focus** doesn't change.

In that day, everyone in the land of Judah will sing this song: Our city is strong! We are surrounded by the walls of God's salvation. Open the gates to all who are righteous; allow the faithful to enter. You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the LORD always, for the LORD GOD is the eternal Rock. Isaiah 26:1-4 (NLT)

Peace is not just the absence of conflict,  
but the **presence** of **God** in our conflict.

**Shalom:** Wholeness, completeness, fullness of peace.

**Perfect peace is:**

- Peace with **God**.

1 ...since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Romans 5:1 (NLT)

- Peace with **others**.

16 ...Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death." Ephesians 2:16 (NLT)

You can't **give** what you don't **possess**.

- Peace with **yourself**.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts... Colossians 3:15 (NIV)  
5 Only God gives inward peace, and I depend on him. Psalm 62:5

- Peace with your **circumstances**.

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. John 16:33 (ESV)

- The battle for peace begins in our **minds**.

<sup>3</sup>You will keep in perfect peace... all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup>You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast... Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)

...Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ...Then the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9 (NLT)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27 (NIV)

- Let **prayer** and **praise** bring God's peace

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. Philippians 4:6-7 (MSG)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 (TLB)

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Your peace in life is determined by the **God** of your life.



## TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Do you need a restored peace in your life? Explain
- In your own words, Why do we need a restored peace for the times we're living? What does that peace look like to you?
- The world sees peace as the absence of conflict. How is God's peace greater than that?
- What does it mean to have peace with God? Why is peace with God essential to a restored peace in our lives? What does a restored peace with other look like? What does a restored peace with yourself mean? What does it mean to have a restored peace with our circumstances?
- What does it mean that the battle of peace begins in our mind? What does Isaiah 26:3 mean to you?
- Why is prayer and praise important to experiencing God's peace?
- How do you pray about everything? What does it mean to "*Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns*"?
- What does it mean that our peace in life is determined by the God of our life? (What if we're the God of our life?)

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Today's Talk..



RESTORED PEACE