

#93 HE IS OUR BASELINE PEACE

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MESSAGE/TAKEAWAYS:

The Lord, our Baseline Peace, show us that . . .

1. PEACE IS MOST DEEPLY, CHRIST HIMSELF. Ephesians 2:13-14 - But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace

[] Not Knowledge, Order, Scripture, etc. ; It Jesus, personally, always.

2. PEACE AND HOPE FLOW FROM BELIEVING GOD. Romans 15:13 - Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope.

[] "God's got this." (Kim); "God only knows..." (SS); See with heart, not eyes

3. PEACE FROM GOD IS NOT OF THIS WORLD. John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

[] World: Entertainment (distraction); Addictions (morphine); Numbing, no cure

4. PEACE FLOWS FROM A MIND SET ON THE SPIRIT. Romans 8:6 - For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

[] Focus on ONE thing; Up (Jesus), not wind & waves (Peter); The Chosen

5. PEACE IS SPREAD BY GOD'S PEACE-MAKERS. Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

MORE: Thermostat or Thermometer? Starbucks. 3 for 1 busses

6. PEACE FLOWS WHEN WE BUILD UP ONE ANOTHER. Rom. 14:19 -So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

MORE: Broken engagements. Heads up. Search team. Odd man out

7. PEACE OFFERED IS NOT ALWAYS RECEIVED. Luke 10:5-6 - Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house.' If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you.

MORE: PTSD. Distrust. Deep Wound. Triggered. Laps/Coach

8. PEACE FLOWS FROM HONORING PARENTS. Proverbs 3:1-2 - My son, do not forget my teaching, But let your heart keep my commandments; For length of days and years of life And peace they will add to you.

MORE: Father wounds. Hallmark cards. Perfectionist moms. No perfect parents

9. PEACE IS POSSIBLE EVEN IN BATTLE. Psalm 55:18 - He will redeem my soul in peace from the battle which is against me, For they are many who strive with me. **MORE: Warfare. Drowning. Above all else. Look at me/OK/Breathe..**

10. PEACE IS POSSIBLE IN THE MIDST OF TRIBULATION. John 16:33 - These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.

MORE: Covid. Ian. Wildfires/Maui. Ukraine. Cancer culture. Social divides

11. PEACE AND SAFETY COME FROM GOD. Psalm 4:8 - In peace I will both lie down and sleep, For You alone, O Lord, make me to dwell in safety.

MORE: Motor-mind? Fix it? Head around it? JESUS: "I got this, son. And them.

12. PEACE AND STRENGTH COME FROM GOD. Psalm 29:11 - The Lord will give strength to His people; The Lord will bless His people with peace.

MORE: Jesus/storm/boat. Indiana Jones chalice. Christmas Eve crash.

13. PEACE FLOWS FROM REJOICING AND LIKE-MINDEDNESS. 2 Corinthians 13:11 - Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

MORE: Rejoice: God is MOLDING you... COMFORTS you... SHARES His mind POINTS to PEACE. (Common Ground; Family feuds — GRACE!!!)

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14. PEACE FLOWS FROM PRAYER WITH THANKSGIVING. Phil 4:6-7 - Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God... peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

MORE: Not FOR everything... IN everything. GRATEFULNESS! Forgive or Bitter?

15. PEACE COMES FROM LOVING GOD'S WAYS. Psalm 119:165 - Those who love Your law have great peace, And nothing causes them to stumble.

MORE: "Law" = ways, not the tax code; His WAY = Forgive, Grace, Trust

16. PEACE FLOWS FROM PRACTICING THE WAYS OF GOD. Philippians 4:9 - The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

MORE: Practice = ABIDE... PrayLoveServeSpeak... Punctiliar vs. Parameter will Eternal & Infinites WAYS, not Pedantic, Prosaic, or Porsnickety!