

Peace Be Still

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How many times do we read, in times of chaos or confusion, the Lord speak peace to someone or a situation? I've been quietly probing Holy Spirit today to hear His heart for our readers to give us all a word to hold onto as we move into our weekend plans.

There are those of us who look forward to weekends because it means time off from our week long jobs. There are those of who look forward to the weekends because it means we can sleep in or spend time with our family and friends. There are those of us don't really have much to look forward to weekend after weekend because they still have to work even on Saturdays and/or Sundays.

Wherever you are in the stream of things going into your weekend, I want to remind you that Jesus speaks peace to your soul, your mind, your thoughts, your spirit, your body, your schedule, your job, your family, peace that calms – peace that assures that we are Gods and He is ours.

Peace connects us – it's an invisible, yet, tangible feeling that keeps our faith and trust alive and allows us to stay grounded when nothing looks good around us. When Jesus falls asleep on the boat with His disciples and the raging storm comes and everyone in the boat is at a loss (EVEN WITH JESUS RIGHT THERE) as to what to do, the disciples wake Him and He commanded the winds and the waves to calm down.

I want to remind you, He calmed the storm yes – but more important, He calmed the spirits of every man on that boat in one instant moment. As well, how can others know our God of peace, if we aren't walking in a measure of it?

Friends we HAVE to get our eyes and minds off the things around us that will at some point inevitably let us down and keep our gaze on the One Who can give us a continual supply of calm and assurance. He IS PEACE. He can move in your life and hush the very storms around you whether literal, spiritual, mental, or physical. He waits for you each and every time you wake up to move into His pattern of peace and grace. I pray that we can all take a step this weekend in the direction of resting in the knowledge of Who our Lord really is – the ONE Who holds it ALL together when NO ONE else can.

James 3:17-18 - But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

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