

This is God's Will

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts...” (Colossians 3:15).

This is God's will for YOU– to let His peace rule in your heart! If you get anything from today's message I pray it's this: This is God's will for you – to let the peace of Christ rule in your heart!

Many of you know that since early September, I have been working with those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. I have seen and done a lot over these many months. I been isolated from family, friends and away from all that was familiar. To say this is difficult is an understatement. Regularly, I had to purpose in my heart to “let the peace of God rule in my heart.” To be honest, some days it was difficult to maintain! I marvel at how this little three letter word "let" is a really big word that carries even bigger implications. Do you know what it means?

*Let: to give permission or **opportunity**, to allow (American Heritage Dictionary).*

“Let” carries such significance because it means you have an opportunity. The opportunity is to allow the peace of God to rule in your heart. Over these past seven months, like you, I have had massive opportunities to let peace to rule. Sometimes I did, and other times, well....not so much!

“Let the peace of God rule in your heart...” shows the subject of this sentence is “you.” You are who this passage is speaking to. Some days, it took everything I had to “let” that peace rule in my heart. Some days it ruled with ease, and other days, I couldn't find it anywhere! But that was my CHOICE! His peace is always there. This is God's will for you – to let the peace of Christ rule in your heart!

Did you know that it also translates -“let the peace of God **reign** in your heart.” Change it up! What an **opportunity** that God's peace can either rule or reign within your heart. This is God's will for you – to let the peace of Christ reign in your heart!

This deployment has had many moments that were extremely difficult to maintain peace. There were times I had to remind myself to “allow peace” to rule and reign within my heart. There were times I had to verbally say, “Peace, you have permission to invade and rule in my heart.” I pray you grab this: This is God's will for you – to let the peace of Christ rule in your heart!

It's your choice and you have full authority to let the peace of God rule (or reign) within your heart. After all, this is God's will for you – to let the peace of Christ rule in your heart!

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