

The Prince of Peace

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Since the end of August I have been inundated with a barrage of annoyances and bad news. I began to find myself singing the line "don't you bring me no bad news" [a song from the musical The Wiz] because it seemed to be constant with no let up. The situations I was dealing with is nothing compared to recent tragedies in the world but yet it wore me down enough to where I became exhausted mentally. It's difficult when the little things begin to pile up because your body, mind, and spirit become exhausted almost to the point of depletion before we even recognize it.

Finally (I am a work in a progress), I made the choice to truly cry out to the Prince of Peace (for myself and for those around me that were dealing with severe issues). I had to watch myself because I began to feel guilty that I was so depleted from (again, compared to the tragedies that we have seen recently here in America) these seemingly small annoyances. We all have different levels of things we can handle in any given season. For this season, the small things I had to deal with was all I could handle. This brings me to another point.

My spiritual strength has been waning, not because I'm not communicating with my Father and Lord in Heaven, but because I am currently separated from the Body of Christ. My trust in others has been broken and I am finding it difficult to open up again. The Lord has brought me too far for me to go back to where I once was. I am in a huge transitional phase. This is always a hard place to be. What I am focusing on at this moment is placing my absolute trust in God Almighty. I am also focusing on mercy to ensure a bitter root does not develop and to annihilate any that may be present. Again, my communion is with the Prince of Peace.

I do not mind being vulnerable to you all because it is through each and everyone of our weaknesses that our Lord shines brightest. As I am writing this, I went to look up verses to place at the end of this writing. I am almost in tears of how gracious, loving, and on time our God truly is even when we think He is not. He is ALWAYS right there willing and waiting. The verse of the day as I opened the web page I use for bible verses was:

Psalm 25:14-15 - The secret [of the wise counsel] of the Lord is for those who fear Him, And He will let them know His covenant and reveal to them [through His word] its [deep, inner] meaning. 15 My eyes are continually toward the Lord, For He will bring my feet out of the net. [AMP]

It doesn't get any better than that. I know I am entering a season of rest. I also know this rest is essential to what the Lord has next. I am not just speaking of physical rest but spiritual rest that will grow me in the next level of intimacy with our Bridegroom. It is essential for every believer that we reach this level and beyond. I look forward to it. By the way, all the annoyances and bad news regarding those I am close to have all worked out. Praises and Glory to the Father!!!

Isaiah 9:6-7 - For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Romans 8:6 - For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

Ephesians 2:14-16 - For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

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