

Message #14

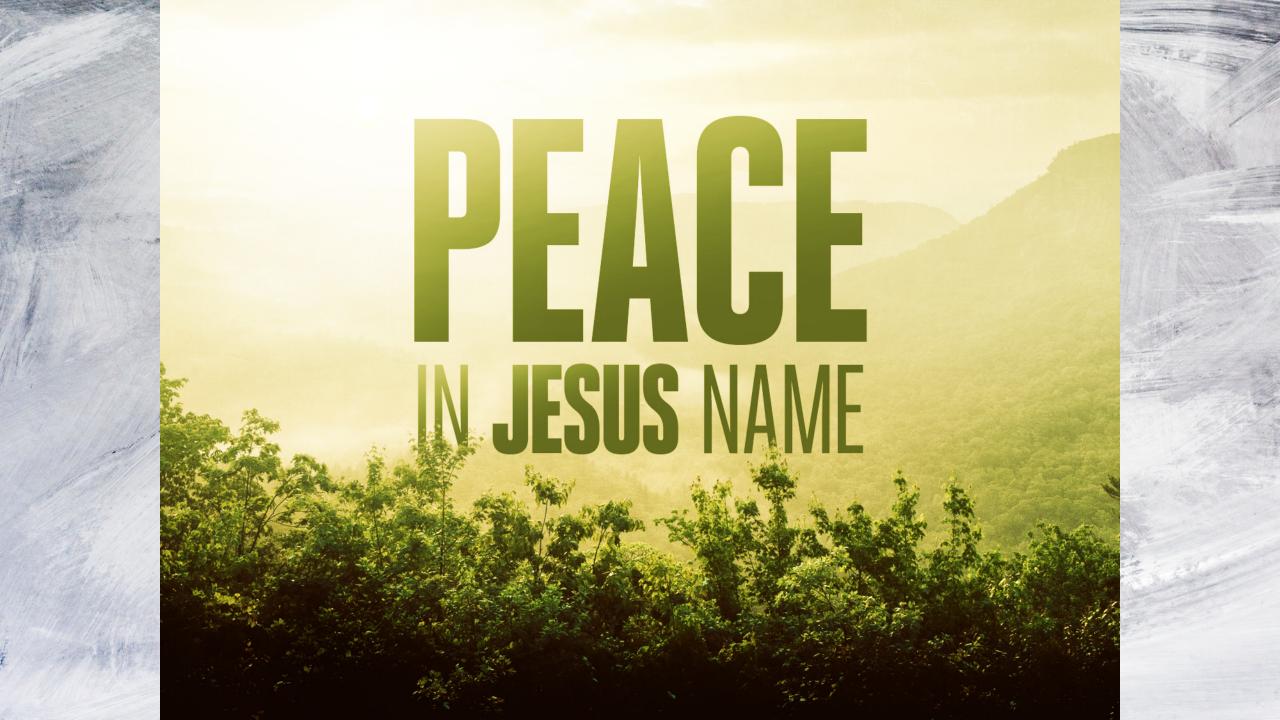
"Peace, In Jesus' Name"

1 Peter 5:12-14

August 31-September 1, 2019

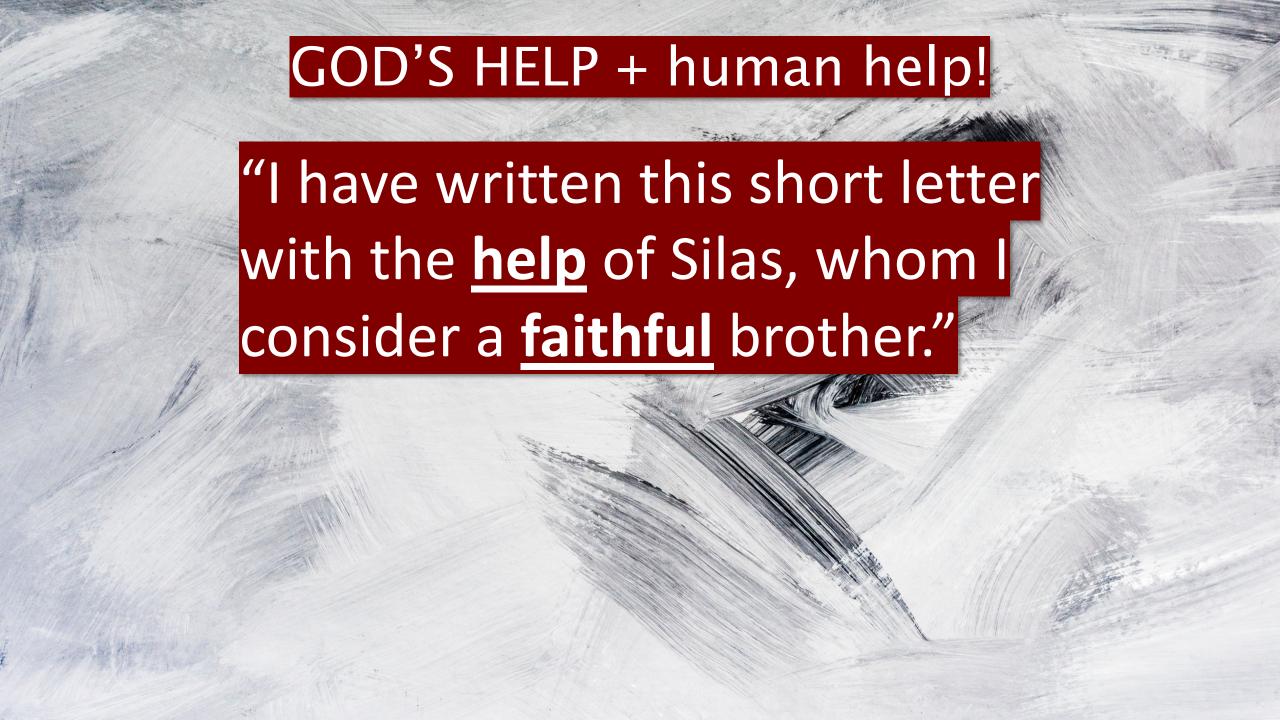
Dave Kugelman







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Unity in Christ, not division by Church

1 Peter 5:13 - She [sister church] who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son.

1 Peter 1:1-2 (NIV) - Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...

Grace & Peace

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Grace defined by some of the different Bible dictionaries:

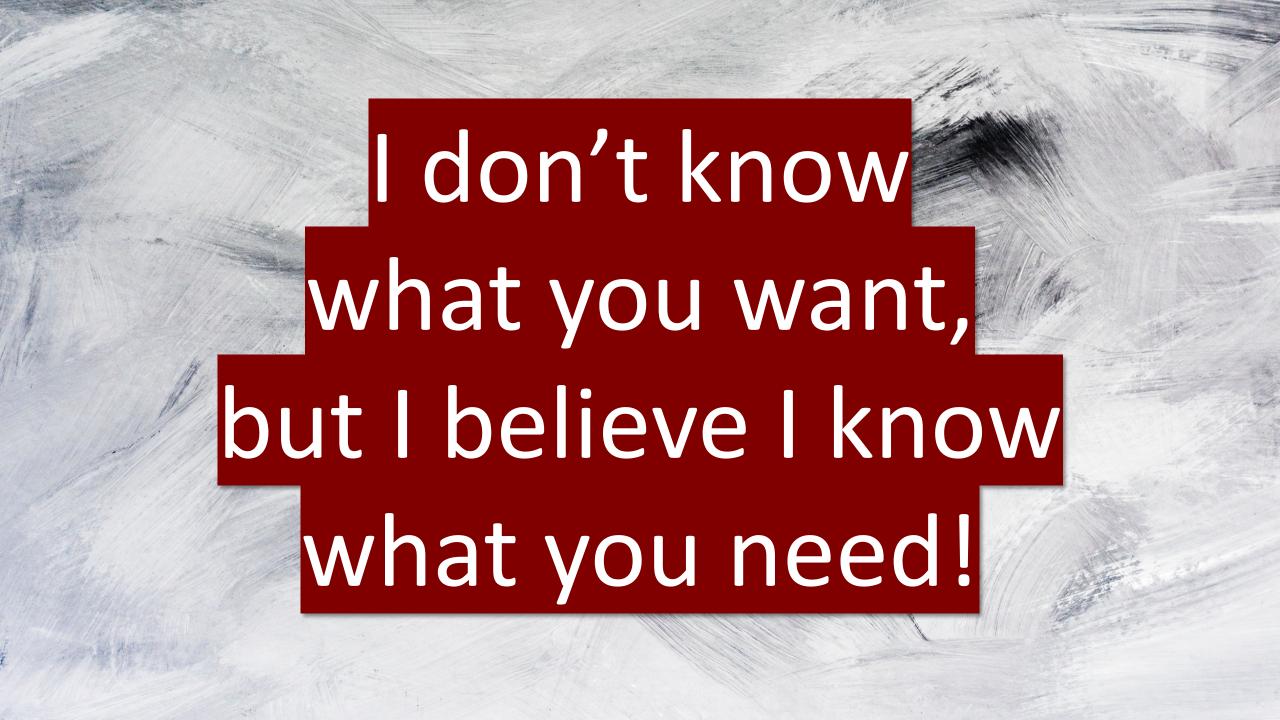
Unmerited favor, mercy, compassion

Undeserved blessing, a free gift, favor, kindness

God's loving mercy toward mankind

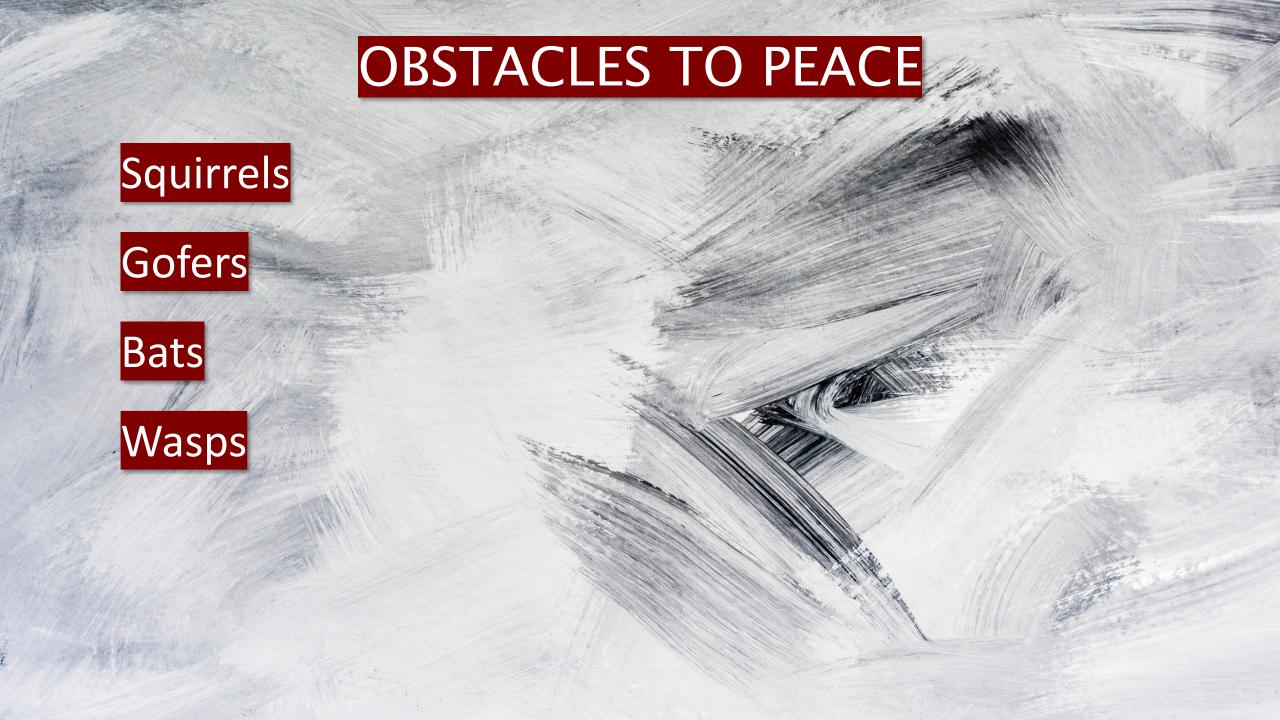
Favor or kindness shown without regard to the worth or merit of the one who receives it and in spite of what that same person deserves

Unmerited divine assistance given man for his regeneration or sanctification



Grace & Peace

If God makes a supernatural deposit of Grace in our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit, why do most Christians not experience the Peace that Jesus promises?



OBSTACLES TO PEACE

EVERYDAY LIFE!

Incorrect view of God and His Word

World news

Life's unpredictable circumstances

Fractured relationships / Unforgiveness

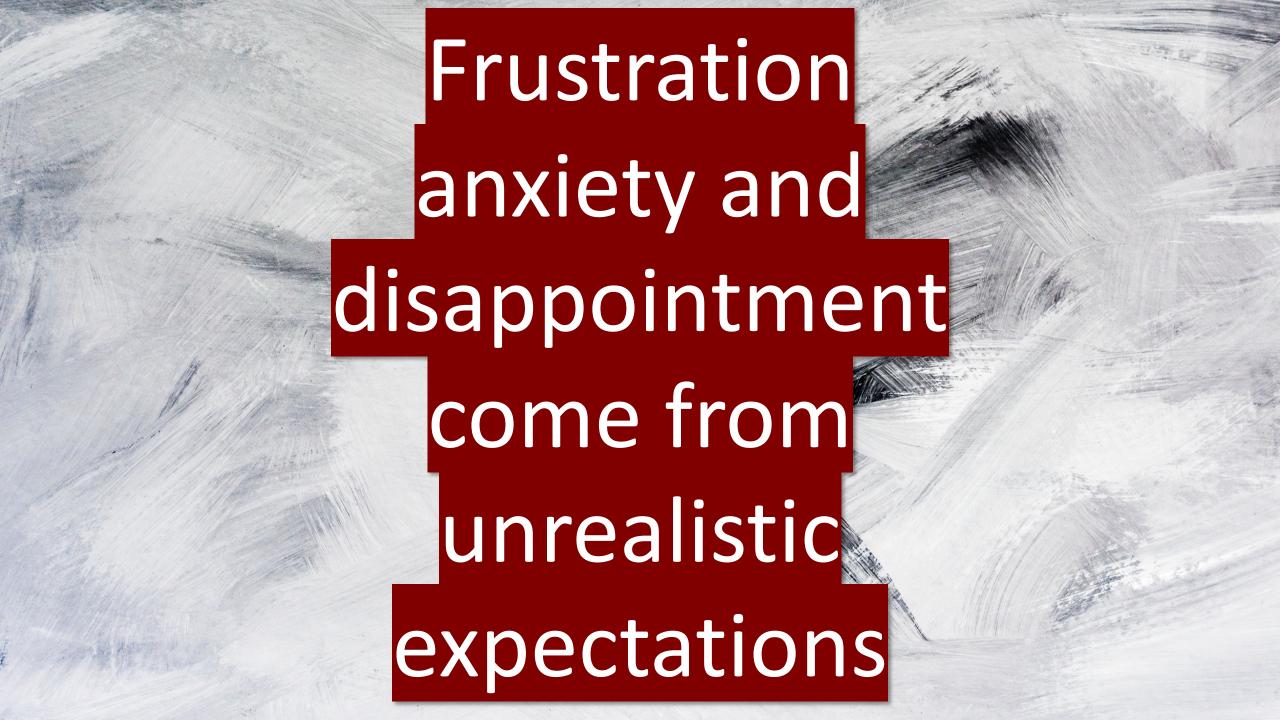
- 1. Relationship with God
- 2. Relationships with one another

Disobedience to God and His Word

Greatest Obstacle to Peace

NEGLECTING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

- Prayer "It is not so true that prayer changes things as that prayer changes me and I change things." Oswald Chambers
- 2. Bible reading It is illegal to possess a Bible in 51 countries Hmmm? Wonder why?





John 16:33 – "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Richard Wurmbrand Reaching Toward the Heights

Let events come. Let persons act toward you as they will. Don't regard anything as a mountain in your way. Two and two make four. Fruits contain juice. Men sometimes behave badly. Events can be unpleasant. Yet all things will work together for my good. Difficulties on my way to heaven belong to the world of imagination. I can throw them off. (June 8th)

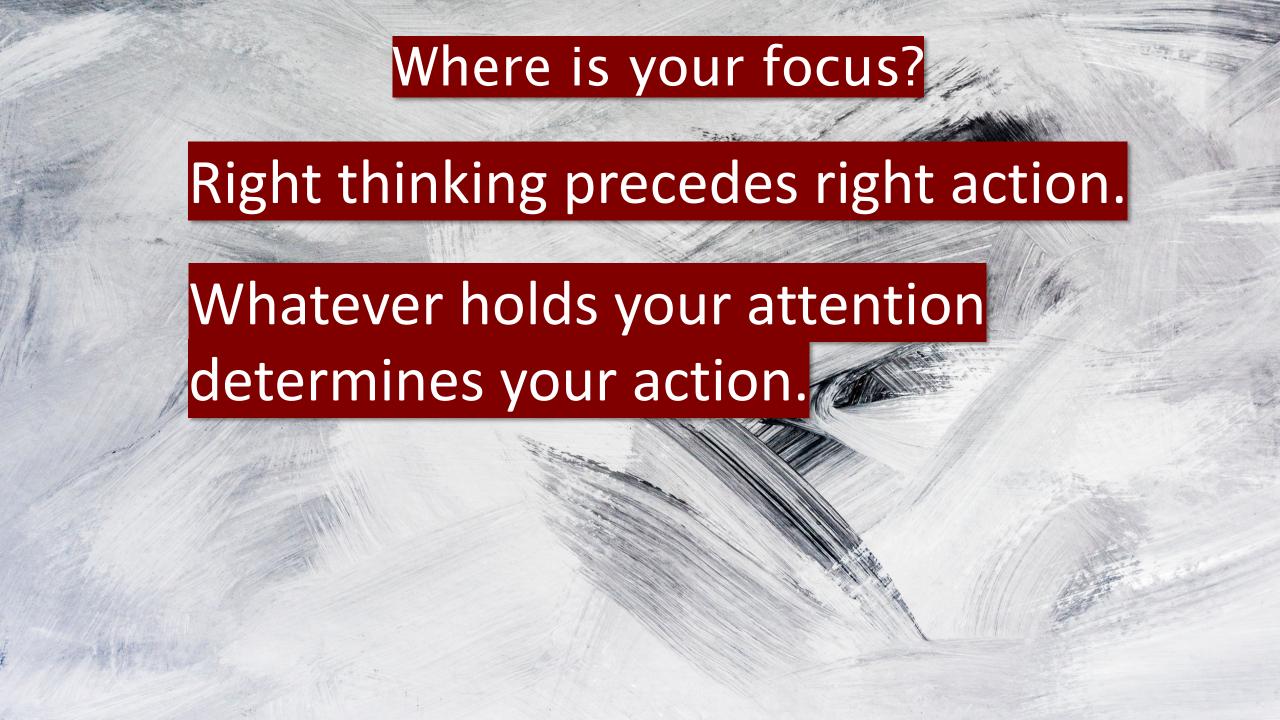
Imagine everything in your life is coming up roses – you've married your soulmate, have five beautiful children and a booming career. Do you think you'd be able to say to God, "It is well with my soul?" Now, imagine all of that is taken away – it's just you and your grief-stricken spouse, nursing horribly broken hearts. Would it be as easy then to say to God, "It is well with my soul?"

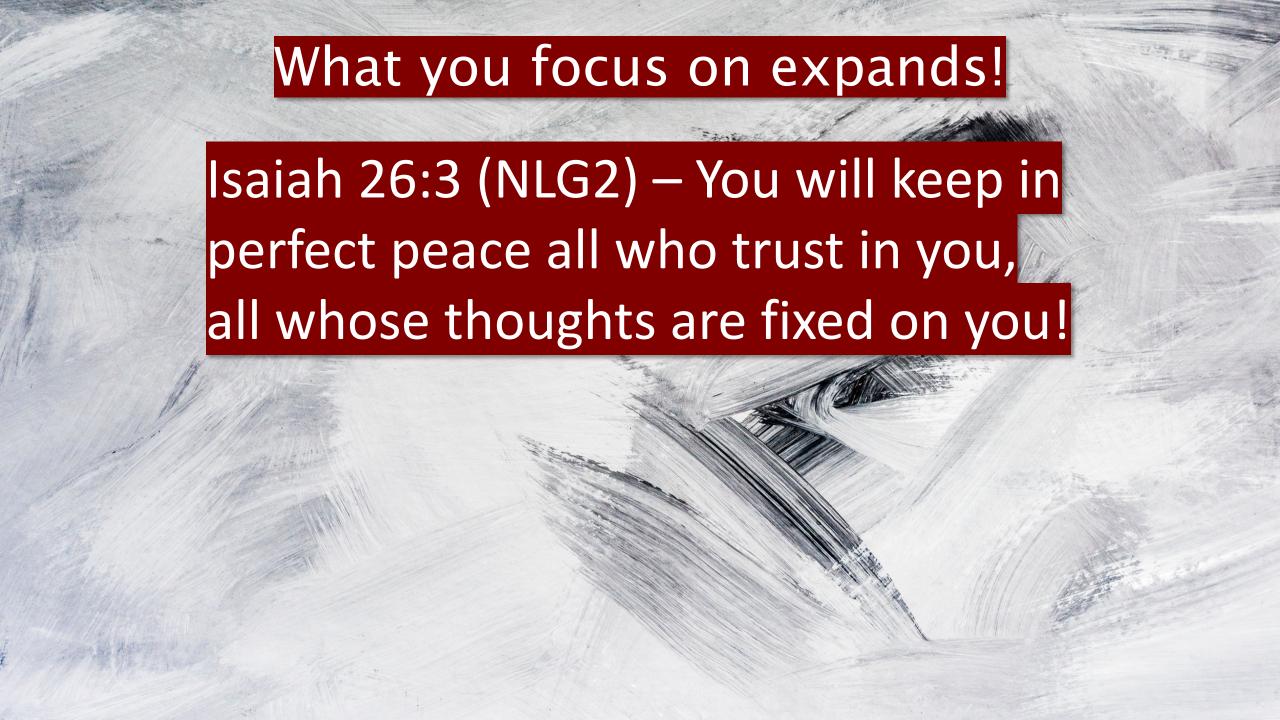
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~SHEILA WALSH

Peace - 89 times in New Testament

Romans 15:13 (NLT2) I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and <u>peace</u> because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.







Peace Formula!

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT2) – 6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

And even more Peace!

John 14:27 (NLT2) – "I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."

Oswald Chambers My Utmost for His Highest

"Resting in the Lord does not depend on external circumstances at all, but on your relationship to God Himself. ... Have you been bolstering up that stupid soul of yours with the idea that your circumstances are too much for God? ... All our fret and worry is caused by calculating without God." (July 4th)

