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## Peace IN Problems

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*"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." -Jesus, John 16:33 (NLT)*

*"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me." -Jesus, John 14:1 (NLT)*

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." -Jesus, John 14:27 (NIV)*

**What is Peace? In English, peace is mostly understood as the absence of conflict or war. But Biblical peace is full presence of completeness, grace, restitution. A settled fulfillment and confidence; complete social, spiritual, and personal well-being; a calmness because of God's love and His plan and purpose in our lives.**

*And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28 (NLT)*

*But I am trusting you, O Lord, saying, "You are my God!" My future is in your hands. Psalm 31:14, 15 (NLT)*

*So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison. 2 Corinthians 4:16-17 (ESV)*

*Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all. 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (NLT)*

### Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup\*

Read John 14:27. How is peace attained? Discuss the two sources and what it means, peace from Jesus and peace from the world. On what basis can Jesus tell us not to be afraid or troubled?

Discuss the definition of peace and the contrast between 'absence of' (English) vs 'fullness of' (biblical). How does that change one's perspective?

For some heaven is a far-off abstract even though promised and for some it is a beautiful hope. Share with each other where you land and how John 14 and 2 Cor 4:16-17 influences your peace and trust in God's plan.

Contrast and compare the two sources of peace; God's presence (previous message) and God's plan. How do each bring you peace and comfort in the 'storms'?

Pray for each other!

\*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at [len@marinerscc.org](mailto:len@marinerscc.org)