

## Supernatural Peace Governed by Heaven in a Troubled World

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- Why does this message matter? Because living without peace is killing us - literally. It's destroying marriages, raising anxiety-ridden children, filling hospitals, emptying joy, and stealing destinies. The enemy knows if he can steal your peace, he's stolen your power. Today, we're taking back what the enemy has stolen!
- We live in a world that's desperate for peace. People are medicating for peace, meditating for peace, manipulating their circumstances for peace. They're chasing peace in relationships, bank accounts, job security, and controlled environments. But the peace the world offers is fragile - it evaporates the moment circumstances shift.
- But there's another kind of peace available to the believer. It's not manufactured by our efforts or dependent on our situations. It's supernatural. It's a peace that doesn't make sense to the natural mind. It's the peace that Jesus spoke of in the upper room on the night He would be betrayed. It's the peace that kept David sleeping soundly while enemies surrounded him. It's a peace that acts as an umpire in our hearts, making decisions when we're confused. It's perfect peace that guards those who trust in God.

**What does the Bible say about supernatural peace and how to walk in it?**

**Here are four dimensions of this supernatural peace and how you can walk in it consistently.**

### **I. CHRIST'S PEACE IS DIFFERENT FROM THE WORLD'S PEACE**

- [Jhn 14:27 NASB95] 27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.
- Jesus makes a crucial distinction here. He says, "NOT as the world gives do I give to you." The world's peace is:
  - Circumstantial - it depends on everything going right
  - Temporary - it lasts only as long as the good times last
  - Conditional - you have to earn it, maintain it, protect it
  - Fragile - one phone call, one diagnosis, one market crash can shatter it
- But Christ's peace is different! Notice He calls it "MY peace" - it's His own peace. This is the peace that allowed Jesus to sleep in a boat during a storm. This is the peace that kept Him steady on the way to Calvary. He's not offering you a technique or a strategy - He's offering you His very own peace as a legacy gift.
- The Greek word for "leave" (aphiēmi) is a legal term - like leaving an inheritance. And "give" (didōmi) is present tense - it's a continuous gift. So Christ's peace is both:
  - A departing gift - left as an inheritance
  - An ongoing supply - constantly being given
- Application (Faith Demonstration): Stop trying to create peace through control. You've been managing every detail, manipulating every situation, trying to manufacture a peaceful environment. But God is saying, "Stop striving. My peace isn't something you create - it's something you receive. Surrender control and receive My peace right now."
- By faith, I want you to release what you've been trying to control. Open your hands. The peace you've been working for is a gift that's already yours in Christ.

### **II. PERFECT PEACE COMES FROM A FIXED MIND**

- [Isa 26:3 NASB95] 3 "The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You.

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- b. The Hebrew here is beautiful - "shalom, shalom" - peace, peace! It's not half-peace or occasional peace - it's PERFECT peace, COMPLETE peace, DOUBLE peace!
- c. But notice the condition: "those whose minds are steadfast." The word "steadfast" (samak) literally means "leaned upon" or "propped up." It's the picture of someone leaning their full weight on a support. Your mind is actively resting on, supported by, fixed upon God.
  - i. Here's the progression: We trust in God (the decision); We fix our minds on God (the discipline); God keeps us in perfect peace (the result)
- d. The mind is the battleground. The enemy knows if he can get your mind wandering to worry, fear, anxiety, worst-case scenarios, past failures, future uncertainties - he can steal your peace. But when you fix your mind on God - His character, His promises, His faithfulness, His Word - God GUARDS you in supernatural peace.
- e. Application (Faith Demonstration): By faith, identify one thought pattern that's been stealing your peace. Maybe it's worry about your children. Financial anxiety. Health concerns. Relationship stress. By faith, make the decision: "I will no longer allow my mind to spiral in that direction. I fix my mind on You, Lord."
- f. Practice this: When that thought comes, immediately redirect - speak Scripture, declare God's faithfulness, worship. This is a faith action. Your peace will be proportional to your focus.

### III. LET PEACE BE YOUR UMPIRE

- a. [Col 3:15 NASB95] 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.
- b. Paul uses an athletic term here - brabeuō - which means to act as an umpire or referee. In ancient games, the umpire would make the final call, settle disputes, determine the winner.
- c. Paul is saying: Let the peace of Christ be the umpire in your heart. When you're facing a decision, when you're confused about which direction to take, when you're in conflict, let PEACE make the call.
- d. This is incredibly practical:
  - i. Should I take that job? Let peace decide.
  - ii. Should I have that conversation? Let peace umpire.
  - iii. Should I make that purchase? Let peace rule.
  - iv. Should I pursue that relationship? Let peace arbitrate.
- e. If you don't have peace about it, many times, that's the Holy Spirit saying, "Not this way." If you have supernatural peace that doesn't make natural sense, that's God's green light.
- f. Notice Paul says "LET the peace of Christ rule" - this is a choice. You have to intentionally allow peace to be the deciding factor rather than logic alone, other people's opinions, your emotions, or pressure.
- g. Application (Faith Demonstration): By faith, I want you to pause your process. Before you decide, ask the Holy Spirit, "Do I have Your peace about this direction?" And here's the faith part - you have to be willing to obey what the umpire says, even if it doesn't make logical sense. Even if everyone else thinks you should do it. Even if it looks like the smart move on paper.

### IV. PEACE IN YOUR MOST VULNERABLE MOMENTS

- a. [Psa 4:8 NASB95] 8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep, For You alone, O LORD, make me to dwell in safety.
- b. David wrote this during a time of real danger - enemies were pursuing him, people were against him, his life was threatened. Yet he says, "In peace I will lie down and sleep."

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- c. Think about that. Sleep is when we're most vulnerable. We're unconscious. We can't defend ourselves. We can't monitor the situation. We're completely exposed. Yet David could rest peacefully in the midst of crisis.
  - d. Why? "For you ALONE, LORD, make me dwell in safety." NOT: "For you and my security system" "You ALONE." That's radical trust. That's supernatural peace.
  - e. This is peace that functions in the middle of the night when anxiety tries to grip you. This is peace when the diagnosis is bad. This is peace when the finances don't add up. This is peace when you don't know how it's going to work out. You can lie down and sleep because God alone is your security.
  - f. Application (Faith Demonstration): By faith, tonight when you lie down, make this declaration: "Lord, You alone are my security. I release my safety into Your hands. I trust You to guard me while I sleep. I receive Your peace." And then - here's the faith part - you actually close your eyes and rest. You refuse to rehearse problems. You refuse to plan and strategize. You simply rest in Him.
  - g. Some of you need to act this out in faith right now. If you've been losing sleep to anxiety, I want you to close your eyes right now as an act of faith - demonstrating that you're resting in God alone. (Pause) Feel that peace? That's available to you every night. Receive it.
- **God offers us a supernatural peace that isn't dependent on our circumstances but flows from Christ Himself, guarding our hearts as we fix our minds on Him and allow His peace to rule in every decision and season of life.**