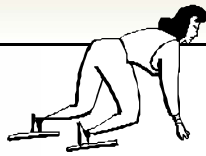


“Trust God & Be Ready For The Unexpected”

By Mrs. Sojourner



Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us:
5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (NIV)

Notes:

[a] Gen. 6-8

[b] Exodus 14

[c] Acts 25-26

Have you ever set out to do something, had a specific plan you were following and things just are not working out doing it by your plan. You could easily get upset but you instead amend your plan as you go and are surprised that in the end the results were much better than you had expected from your original plan.

Things working out without our knowledge or know-how is one way that our Heavenly Father gets glory. If we can do something or can figure something out, where is the room for God to work? One of the things we need to do is be willing to be nimble and follow the Holy Spirit's direction even if it might be unconventional.

Noah followed God's instructions and his family was spared,^[a] Moses waved

his hand over the Red Sea and the waters parted.^[b] Paul appealed to Caesar and as a result he was able to spread the Gospel of Jesus in the loftiest places in the world at that time.^[c]

Reading and studying the Word of God continually is one of the main things a Believer needs to do to be able to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit. This also helps us grow in trusting our Heavenly Father, so when he says “Go and do,” we go and do with out hesitating. We then have great opportunity to rejoice and glorify his name because the outcome ends up being beyond anything we could have done.

So, keep in the Word, act on and trust the Lord's voice and be ready to rejoice at the glorious results!

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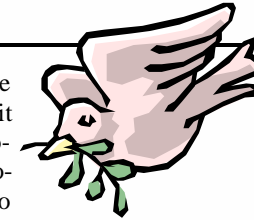
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“The Peace Of God” (Teaching Sketch)

John 14:25-31 (NIV)



When I was following the leading of the Holy Spirit by developing a Sojourner's Fellowships brochure, I was preparing to write a doctrine statement when suddenly the Holy Spirit said, “No, don't produce a doctrine. The doctrines of men divide The Body. I will tell you what to say about what those in Sojourner's Fellowships are to do.”

Notes:

[a]

and unbeliever alike are to see my glory flow through them in power!”

Not Just Another Place

It was then I realized Sojourner's Fellowships were not to be just another place to hear a message and go on about your life.

What Is Peace?

Peace is something often talked about, sought, and not achieved.

The Old Testament in Isaiah 9:6 speaks of Jesus Christ as the, Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Strong's Greek & Hebrew Dictionary, defines peace as—probably from a primary verb eiro (to join); peace (literal or figurative); by implication prosperity :- one, peace, quietness, rest, + set at one again.

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Notice the use of the word

Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

Scripture: John 14:25-31 (NIV)

(NIV is employed here to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace ^[a] 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.

²⁸ “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does

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happen you will believe. ³⁰ I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, ³¹ but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

¹¹It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹²to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up
(Eph. 4:11-12 NIV)

Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship** ([Offerings are placed in the basket at this time.](#))
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during “Praise & Worship” (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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SOJOURNERS...
dwell in the peace of God and the peace of God dwells in them.



‘one’ in the definition, if anything is at one it is whole and complete.

Peace can easily be explained as “nothing missing nothing broken.”

The reason Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace is he restored the “nothing missing nothing broken” relationship between God and man. This wonderful relationship had been broken when Satan deceived Adam and Eve in the Garden so long ago.

Jesus restored the peace between God and mankind. How, by coming and living a sinless life. He never ‘missed the mark’ or ‘fell short’ of what was expected of mankind at creation.

Sadly, many people misunderstand and say Jesus Christ has caused much strife in the world, not peace. They wonder how he could ever be thought of or seen as a maker of peace.

Jesus, himself, said in Luke

12:51: “Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division.” making it clear there would be division because of him.

When Believers wake up to understanding the purpose of evangelism is to restore peace between mankind and God by delivering the message of the Gospel to those still separated from God, they will be doing the

Notes: work of Christ they are meant to do in the here and now. Believers will then be peacemakers working in God's Kingdom!

This is why where the Believer is the peace of God is present in power to save, heal, deliver and preserve by the power of the Holy Spirit moving through the one at peace through Christ with God.

How Do I Get Peace?

The only way to real peace is to truly have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Then you will have ‘nothing missing nothing broken’ with God!