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DAILY DEVOTION

YOUR PATH TO PEACE, PART 2

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Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. 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.”

More than material possessions, our souls long for peace – peace of mind and peace of heart.

You can acquire all the stuff in the world, but if you don’t have peace, you’ll never enjoy it. Have you discovered that just getting more doesn’t make you happier?

The truth is that none of our efforts, getting more or having less, will offer us the peace we need most. Why? Because Jesus said the peace He offers is a gift! We can’t earn it, and we don’t deserve it, but when we receive the Prince of Peace in our heart and life, He offers us not only peace with God but even the peace of God that exceeds anything we can understand!

Yesterday, we began looking at the first choice in your path to peace that Jesus offers His followers.

We must choose to accept the Plan of the Prince of Peace for my life. In Romans 5:1 (NLT), the Bible says, “Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.”

By accepting God’s plan for our lives, we have peace with God.

Once you experience peace with God, the Prince of Peace offers you the peace of God. The next steps take us further down the pathway to

experience the peace of God.

Choose to Surrender to the Prince of Peace's Control.

Struggling to control our lives robs us of peace.

If you're a control freak, this is the hardest step of all. King David fought the same battle in his life. As He grew in His faith, he realized the path to peace came with surrendering control, not taking control.

In Psalm 37:7 (GN), he wrote, "Surrender yourself to the Lord, and wait patiently for Him."

When he wrote that, he reflected on a time in his life when he was totally out of control.

The problems he faced were undeserved, unexplainable, and certainly uncontrollable, no matter how hard he tried. The fact is, we lose our peace when we are at war with God over control of our lives. The prophet Isaiah said in Isaiah 45:9, NLT, "What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, 'Stop, you're doing it wrong!' Does the pot exclaim, 'How clumsy can you be?'"

The sooner we accept the Plan of the Prince of Peace and surrender to His control, the sooner we will experience God's peace. What is it you are striving with God about? None of us can control our lives, much less anyone else's. But we can turn our lives over to God's care and control.

Prayer:

Oh God as I accept the plan of the Prince of Peace, I also surrender to His control and leading in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen!