

## Our Path to Peace Part 4 Isaiah 26.1-4

There is a SAFE PLACE

- City walls signal strength
  - We still trust in city walls – skills, education, prowess, network, net worth
  - They fall – Prov 18.11
- God walls us in with His salvation
  - Safe place because salvation is His work

There is a GOOD PEOPLE

- God's people are genuinely good people (maybe imperfect)
  - They keep faith and live right – Psalm 15, 24, Galatians 5, 2 Peter 1
- We are created for community (some don't need a place but a people)
  - Dehumanizing to be in lockdown vs. Church is family (a reunion!)

There is a LIFE TO LIVE

- A mind fixed on Jesus – prayer and Bible
  - Byproduct is peace
- We are kept – God fights for us
  - What kind of witness would this be to our world?

This kind of life is so good they sing songs about it (v.1) but only available through trust in a trustworthy God

CROSS

- Safe place – bring everything to Him
- Good people – changed people, humbled people, all kinds of people
- Life lived – stained by the cross, transformed by Jesus, sent to others

“Go then, and learn this lesson of the Cross, And tread the way that saints and prophets trod: Who, counting life and self and all things loss, Have found in inward death the life of God.”  
~ George Mantle

Questions for Discussion:

1. What's your favorite memory of your mom (if you can name one)?
2. How have you seen the church be a safe place for people? How are we doing at that?
3. Reread the “ladder of character” in 2 Peter 1. Which one needs your focus right now?
4. When you hear the phrase, “We are kept (by God),” what comes to your mind first?
5. COVID Check-in: how are you, your family, and your neighbors doing?