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Series: Week 2

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God's Peace: The Gift & The Call

WHAT IS PEACE?

- **Hebrew (Old Testament):** **"SHALOM"**- noun, "soundness, peace. The state of being whole"
 - **"SHALEM"**- verb, "to be complete; make complete. The state of being whole or action of making whole."
- **Greek (New Testament)-** **"EIRENE"**- "peace. The state of well-being..." This is how "shalom" was translated in the Greek.
- **Peace is taking what is broken, restoring it, and making it whole again.**

PEACE IN GOD'S STORY: RESTORATION

- **Creation:** In the beginning there was peace with God, humans, and all of creation (Gen. 1-2).
- **Fall:** Peace was broken by human sin, which brought disharmony between God, humans, and all of creation (Gen. 3).
- **Redemption/Rescue:** Jesus, who is our peace, came to restore our broken relationship with God and others (Gen. 3:15b, John 3:16, Romans 5:1,10; Colossians 1:10; Ephesians 2:14)!
- **Restoration:** Jesus will one day restore all things and establish ultimate peace (Isaiah 9:6-7)!
- **Reflection:** What brokenness has sin brought to your life? How does God's story give you a greater understanding about peace? How has Jesus brought peace to your life?

PEACE IN JOSEPH'S STORY: RADICAL TRUST

- **Key Passage:** Matthew 1:18-25
- **Peace in Joseph's story:** Though it totally disrupted his plans, Joseph **radically trusted** in God's plan, purpose, and promise to bring peace through Jesus, our Immanuel (God with us)!
- **Reflection:** In what ways can you relate to Joseph when your plans in life have taken a different turn—both in the past and now? In what areas of your life do you need to radically trust God's plan, purpose, and promise so you can experience His peace?

PEACE IN OUR STORY: THE GIFT & THE CALL

- **BIG IDEA: If you are longing for God's peace, embrace God's gift & call of peace in Christ!**
- As we long for Christ's second coming & the ultimate peace He will bring, we can experience peace now as we embrace the gift and the call of God's peace.
 - Embrace the Gift of Peace:
 - **Praise-** Praise God that your ultimate problem is taken care of—YOU HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH CHRIST (Romans 5:1)!
 - **Prayer-** If you bring all your anxieties & worries to the Lord and thank Him for all He has done, then YOU WILL EXPERIENCE GOD'S PEACE THAT WILL GUARD YOUR HEART & MIND IN CHRIST (Philippians 4:6-7)!

- Embrace the Call of Peace:

- **Proclaim**- We are in a spiritual war against the enemy, so let's be ready to share of the GOSPEL OF PEACE WITH EVERYONE (Ephesians 6:12-13,15)!
- **Participate**- Let's bring the PEACE OF CHRIST IN EVERY SITUATION WITH EVERYONE Matthew 5:9)!
- **Reflection**: Have you embraced God's gift and call of peace? In what ways can you specifically practice praising, praying, proclaiming, and participating in God's peace this Christmas season?

Matthew 1:18-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. **19** And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. **20** But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21** She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." **22** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: **23** "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). **24** When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, **25** but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:14

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **7** Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.