

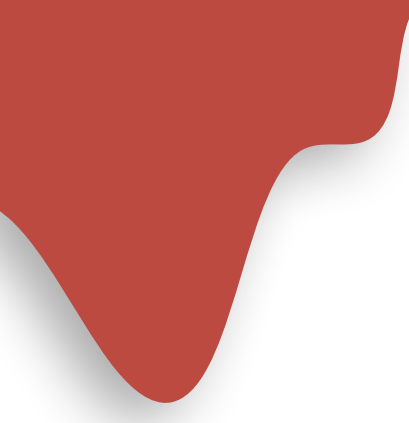


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HIS NAME WILL BE CALLED...

*Walking through the four prophetic
names of Jesus in Isaiah 9:6*

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WEEK 1

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

Jesus as our wisdom, guide,
healer, and present companion.

DAY 1

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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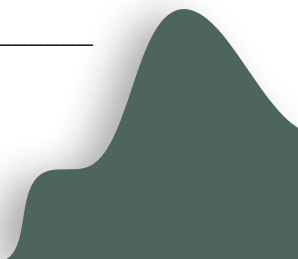
Where do you feel most in need of counsel or clarity today?

PRAYER

Wonderful Counselor, meet me where I am and guide my steps.

WALK

Write down one decision you're facing and ask Jesus for guidance.



DAY 2

Scripture: Hebrews 4:15–16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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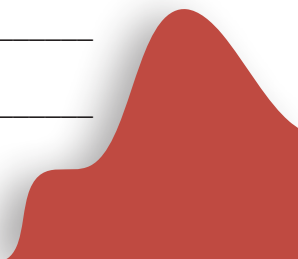
What weakness or struggle do you hesitate to bring to Jesus?

PRAYER

Lord, help me approach Your throne with confidence today.

WALK

Share honestly with God one place you feel weak.



DAY 3

Scripture: Psalm 55:22

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.

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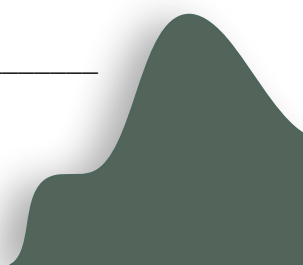
What burden are you carrying that you've avoided surrendering?

PRAYER

Teach me to cast my cares on You and trust Your sustaining love.

WALK

Release one care today through prayer or journaling.



DAY 4

Scripture: John 4:13-18

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

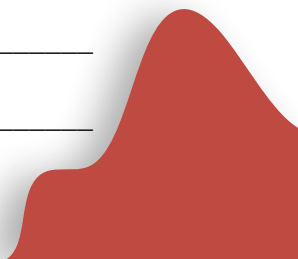
He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

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Where might honesty with Jesus bring healing?

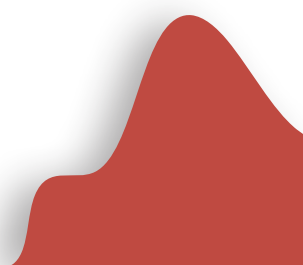


PRAYER

Jesus, give me courage to be truthful with You and myself.

WALK

Tell Jesus one truth you've been avoiding.



DAY 5

Scripture: Mark 9:7

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

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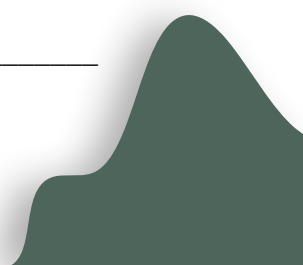
What makes it hard for you to listen for Jesus' voice?

PRAYER

Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening.

WALK

Spend 5 minutes in silence, inviting Jesus to speak.



DAY 6

Scripture: Psalm 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

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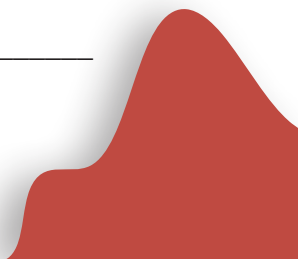
How has Jesus guided you in past seasons?

PRAYER

Thank You, Lord, for being my teacher and guide.

WALK

Identify one way God has led you and give thanks.



DAY 7

Scripture: James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

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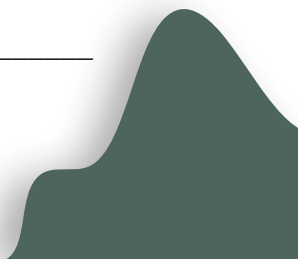
Where do you need wisdom today?

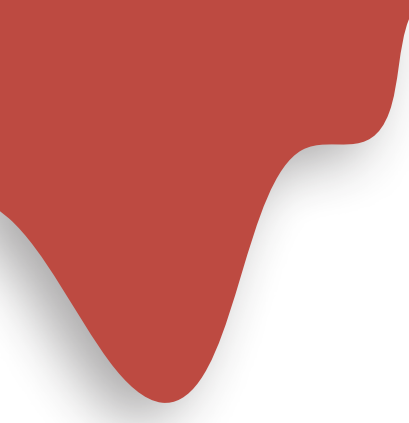
PRAYER

God, you are generous. Give me wisdom without shame or fear.

WALK

Ask God for wisdom about one specific situation.





WEEK 2 MIGHTY GOD

Jesus as the God whose power
works in us, for us, and
through us.

DAY 8

Scripture: Jeremiah 32:17

“Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

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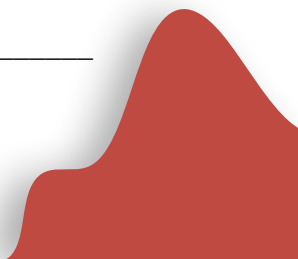
Where do you feel powerless today?

PRAYER

Mighty God, remind me nothing is too hard for You.

WALK

Write down one impossible situation and pray over it.



DAY 9

Scripture: Philippians 2:13

[F]or it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

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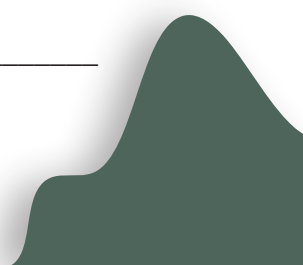
How do you see God shaping your desires and your character?

PRAYER

Work in me, Lord, and form me so that my life reflects Jesus..

WALK

Notice one place today where God is working in you.



DAY 10

Scripture: Isaiah 40:29–31

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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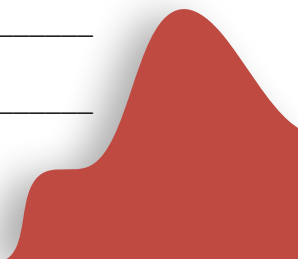
Where are you weary and needing renewed strength?

PRAYER

Lord, renew my strength as I place my hope in You.

WALK

Take a slow walk and breathe deeply, receiving the strength God has for you today.



DAY 11

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:9–10

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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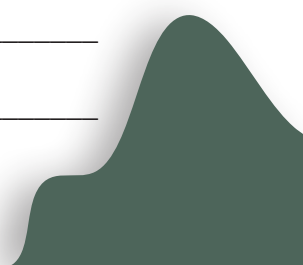
How have your weaknesses revealed God’s power?

PRAYER

Let Your power rest on me today, Lord.

WALK

Name a weakness and invite God’s strength into it.



DAY 12

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:9–10

For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. According to alamothe. A song

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

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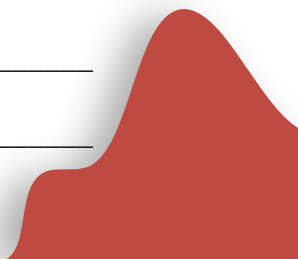
Where do you need God to be your refuge?

PRAYER

God, be my ever-present help in trouble.

WALK

Identify one place you've been trying to be your own refuge.



DAY 13

Scripture: Ephesians 3:20–21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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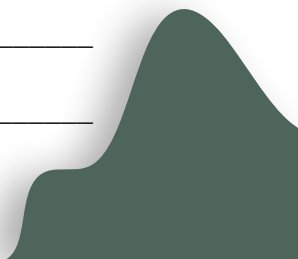
Where do you need to expect more from God?

PRAYER

Do immeasurably more than I can ask or imagine.

WALK

Write a bold prayer that feels beyond your ability.



DAY 14

Scripture: Psalm 18:1-3

For the director of music. Of David the servant of the Lord. He sang to the Lord the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said:

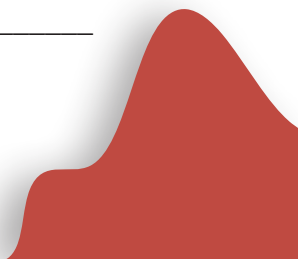
I love you, Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies.

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What does God's strength mean to you personally?

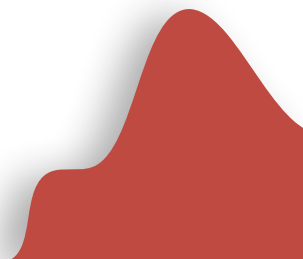


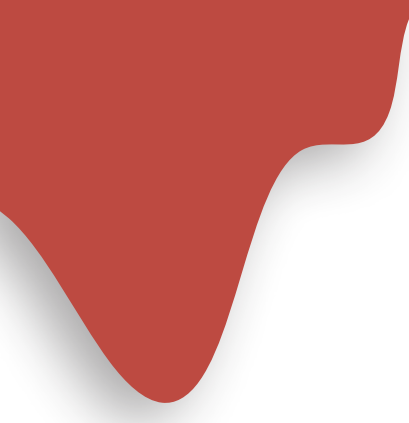
PRAYER

Lord, You are my strength and my deliverer.

WALK

Speak a declaration of trust aloud today.





WEEK 3

EVERLASTING FATHER

Jesus as compassionate, present,
faithful, and gently restoring.

DAY 15

Scripture: Psalm 103:8–13

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

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How do your experiences with earthly fathers shape your view of God?

PRAYER

Everlasting Father, show me Your compassion and grace.



WALK

Write down one way God has been a good Father to you.



DAY 16

Scripture: Matthew 11:28–30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

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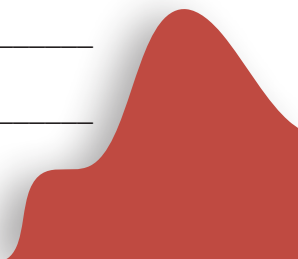
Where do you feel burdened or worn down?

PRAYER

Jesus, give me rest, and help me reflect you with a gentle and humble heart.

WALK

Take seven minutes today to slow down and just breathe.



DAY 17

Scripture: John 14:18

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

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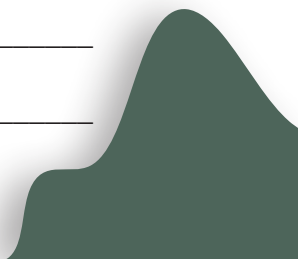
Where do you feel alone today?

PRAYER

Thank You, Father, that You never leave me orphaned.

WALK

Reach out to someone who might feel alone this season.



DAY 18

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

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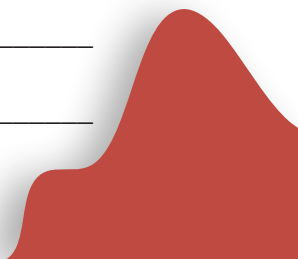
How does it change you to know God delights in you?

PRAYER

Father, give me peace with Your love.

WALK

Spend time today imagining God rejoicing over you.



DAY 19

Scripture: Psalm 34:18

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

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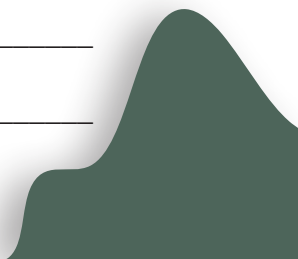
Where have you experienced heartbreak?

PRAYER

Draw near to me, Father of compassion.

WALK

Share one grief with Jesus today.



DAY 20

Scripture: Luke 15:11–24

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

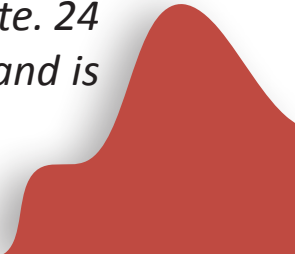
“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ 20 So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.



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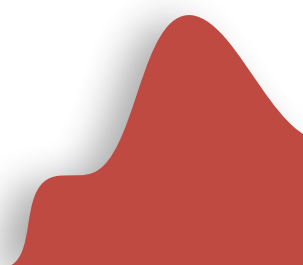
What does returning to the Father look like for you?

PRAYER

Run to me, Father, as I return to You.

WALK

Confess one place you've wandered and turn back.



DAY 21

Scripture: Romans 8:38–39

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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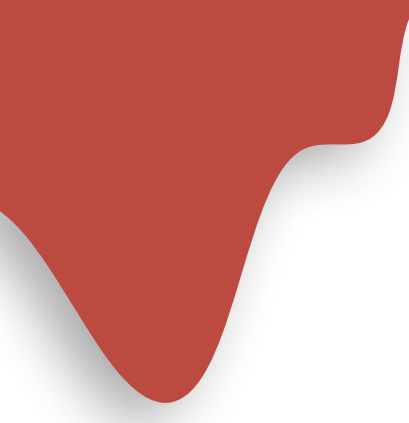
What truth do you need to believe about God's unfailing love?

PRAYER

Thank You that nothing can separate me from Your love.

WALK

Write the phrase: "Nothing can separate me..." somewhere visible.



WEEK 4 PRINCE OF PEACE

Jesus as Shalom: our wholeness,
rest, and stability in chaos.

DAY 22

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6

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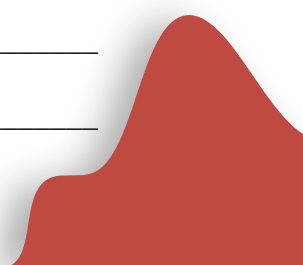
Where do you long for peace right now?

PRAYER

Prince of Peace, bring wholeness where I feel fractured.

WALK

Name one area of unrest and entrust it to Jesus.



DAY 23

Scripture: John 14:27

Peace 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.

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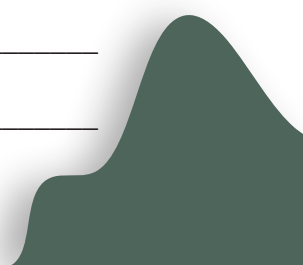
How does Jesus' peace differ from the world's peace?

PRAYER

Jesus, give me peace. Not mine, but Yours.

WALK

Set an alarm. Pause three times today to breathe and pray for peace.



DAY 24

Scripture: Philippians 4:6–7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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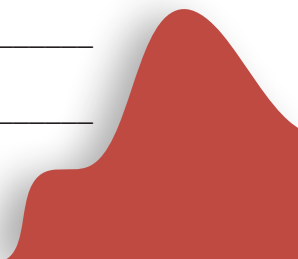
What anxiety do you need to bring before God?

PRAYER

Guard my heart and mind with Your peace.

WALK

Replace one anxious thought with a prayer of gratitude.



DAY 25

Scripture: Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

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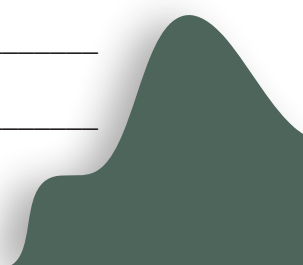
What would it look like for Christ's peace to rule in your heart?

PRAYER

Let Your peace give direction to my decisions.

WALK

Slow down one decision today and invite peace to lead the way.



DAY 26

Scripture: Romans 12:18

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

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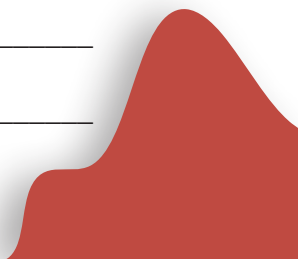
Where is Jesus inviting you toward relational peace?

PRAYER

Make me a peacemaker, Lord.

WALK

Take one small step toward reconciliation with someone.



DAY 27

Scripture: John 16:33

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

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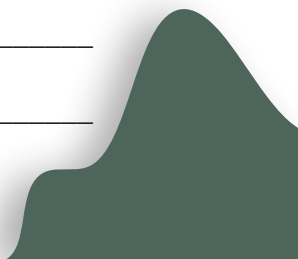
What troubles feel overwhelming right now?

PRAYER

Thank You that You have overcome the world.

WALK

Identify one place where Jesus has brought victory.



DAY 28

Scripture: Ephesians 2:14

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,

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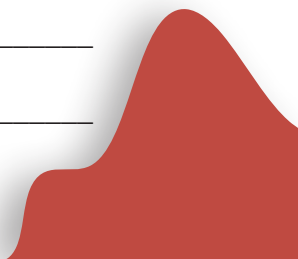
How has Jesus brought peace into your story?

PRAYER

Jesus, be my peace today and every day.

WALK

Do one act of peace-making, even if it is small or unseen.



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