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PEACE IN YOUR STORM

JOHN 14:27 – “Peace, I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. *Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.*”

THREE UNIVERSAL PEACE STEALERS:

1. Uncontrollable circumstances
2. Unchangeable habits of others
3. Unexplainable problems

INSIGHT: God made peace of mind a fundamental need of human existence.

TRUTH: Peace of mind isn't personally generated... It's received, and it has nothing to do with problem-free living.

QUESTION: If peace is God's gift to us, then how is peace of mind found in a trouble-filled existence?

I. EMBRACE WHAT YOU CAN'T CHANGE.

TRUTH: It is futile to worry or resent what we can't change. Peace comes from accepting the unchangeable (2 Samuel 12:15f; Philippians 4:11-13).

PAUL'S SECRET: Peace is impossible if I demand God explain my life situation.

THREE REALITIES:

1. God is Lord, and He doesn't owe me or you an explanation.
2. I probably wouldn't understand His reasoning (Isaiah 55:8).
3. Peace doesn't come from explanations but knowing God is working His plan in our life.

TRUTH: The silence of God is the greatest faith crisis of our lives.

INSIGHT: The silence of heaven always means you're in a "test."

II. TRUST GOD'S WATCHCARE (Isaiah 26:3; Proverbs 3:5).

INSIGHT: The word for a series of problems is: Life!

III. SURRENDER TO GOD'S CONTROL.

TRUTH: You can't have the peace of God until you are at peace with God.

INSIGHT: There's no event of your life God couldn't have prevented if He had chosen to do so.

Whatever your trouble, God wants you to trust Him (Philippians 4:6).