



Great Calm Pastor Chris Johnson

Tension exists and we can't just say "calm down", "get over it"...

We are so used to having tension that we don't know what peace is TRULY like

Isaiah 9:6 - the Prince of Peace - Jehovah Shalom

Looking at 2 stories - OT- Gideon & NT- Jesus calms the storm

Mark 4 vs: 39 there was a "great calm"

We look forward to calm, we chase calm, we self medicate for calm, we drink alcohol for calm, often we look for an escape to find calm (we need a distraction)

Judges 6- Gideon

Gideon set yourself apart, say what we have been doing is not good

GREAT CALM doesn't always mean the battle is over

From time to time we are called to make a stand

He is your peace before, during and after the battle because He IS peace

If we would take the time to listen to the Holy Spirit we would hear him say, relax, I'm your great peace

His peace is not that there isn't trouble but because He is there in the midst of it.

GREAT CALM doesn't always mean great courage

Mark 4:41- The believers were filled with great fear

Judges 6:27 - because he was too afraid

Just because there is great calm (Jesus) doesn't mean there is great courage (us)- but He's still there!!!!

We ask: what if God doesn't come through this time?

Uncertainty, unreliability creates tension

Peace be to you, don't be afraid

This is because - We often forget the nearness of God.

GREAT CALM doesn't always mean everyone understands what's happening

Mark 4:36

They saw Jesus command a crowd but they didn't realize he had the power to command the waves too.

When Jehovah Shalom rules your spirit and the Prince of Peace speaks over your situation it doesn't mean that everyone is going to see and experience and understand the same thing too.

The Lord is peace

He is the great calm

There is no storm that you have to be afraid of because the Prince of Peace is in the boat.

God speak peace to our hearts.