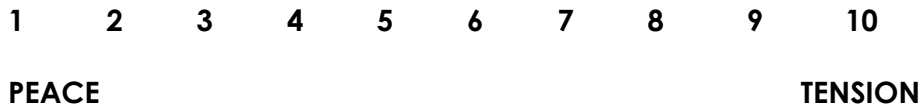




IS REAL PEACE POSSIBLE?
Find Your Missing Peace – Pt 1
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Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people he favors! (Luke 2:14)



In that day, everyone in the land of Judah will sing this song: Our city is strong! We are surrounded by the walls of God's salvation. Open the gates to all who are righteous; allow the faithful to enter. You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock. (Isaiah 26:1-4)

Shalom - wholeness, completeness, fullness of peace

I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world... (John 16:33)

- Peace does not mean the **ABSENCE** of trial or storm. Peace is found in the **PRESENCE** of God, in the midst of the trial or storm.
- The battle for peace always begins in your **MIND**.

Isaiah 26:3 NLT *You will keep in perfect peace... all whose thoughts are FIXED on you.*

NIV *You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast...*

Samak - to lean on completely, to fully rest oneself

WHAT IS YOUR MIND FIXED ON?

Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable – if there is any moral excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy – dwell on these things. Do what you have learned and received and heard from me, and the God of peace will be with you.

(Philippians 4:8-9)

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. (John 14:27)

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF STORMS

- **The one you CAN SEE**
- **The one you CAN'T SEE**

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. (Philippians 4:6-7)

Cast all your cares and anxieties on him, because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

For unto us a child is born... and He will be called... the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)