

## Sermon Notes

**Big Idea:** Manna Church West Florida is taking a *Road Trip* this Summer! Join us as we hear from pastors and leaders from around the nation who have a vested interest in what God is doing both in and through Manna Church. They're bringing a fresh message from God's Word to speak to our hearts and encourage our journey. Don't miss a week - it's going to be a great summer!

**JEHOVAH** = I am; I am the one who is; The Lord.

**SHALOM** = completeness, soundness, welfare, peace

Judges 6:11-12 [ESV]

You are who God **DECLARES** you to be, not who you **THINK** you are.

Judges 6:13-16 [ESV]

What we need in our darkest hours is not an **EXPLANATION**, it's a **PERSON**.

Judges 6:22-24 [ESV]

Peace is not found in the **ABSENCE OF A PROBLEM** but in the **PRESENCE OF A PERSON**.

### Three Thieves of Your Peace:

1. Wrong **MINDSET**

- Key – Set your **MIND** on God.

2. Unbridled Pursuit of **MORE**

- Key – Prioritize your **PURSUIT OF GOD** over your **PURSUIT OF MORE**

3. Unresolved **SIN**

- Key – Resolve the **SIN**

## Discussion Questions

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
2. What does the word "peace" mean to you? Where do you typically go to find peace in your life? (Yes, we all know the ultimate answer is Jesus! But share about a place, an environment, or an activity where you find peace).
3. Pastor Joe said, *"God is peace and He is the one who gives peace. The peace available to you from God surpasses anything the world could ever offer you (Shalom that comes from Jehovah-Shalom). Beyond being just a simple wish for peace and happiness, the word suggests a state of fullness and perfection; overflowing inner and outer joy and peaceful serenity."* Share about a recent time in your life when you needed that kind of peace. What was going on? Did you try to find peace in other ways? What did you learn during that time?
4. Have you ever been in a place where it felt like everything around was against you? Or maybe even felt like God was against you? Pastor Joe said that what we need in our darkest hours is not an explanation, it's a person. How have you found that to be true?
5. Pastor Joe mentioned 3 thieves that can steal our peace – (1) A Wrong Mindset, (2) An Unbridled Pursuit of More, and (3) Unresolved Sin. Which of the three most often threatens your peace?
6. Share any personal takeaways or decisions you've made based on today's message and take time to pray for one another.