

FORTIFY - with His Peace

August 29-30, 2020

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) – “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”.

“**anxious**” = Greek *merimnate* – “to be anxious, to care for, to be distracted”

“**thanksgiving**” = Greek *eucharistos* – where the Church gets “Eucharist”

Colossians 3:15 (NIV) – “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful”.

Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV) - “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity”.

Judges 6:1-2 (NIV) – “The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and for seven years He gave them into the hands of the Midianites. Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves, and strongholds”.

Judges 6:7-9 (NIV) – “When the Israelites cried out to the Lord because of Midian, he sent them a prophet, who said, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians. And I delivered you from the

hand of all your oppressors; I drove them out before you and gave you their land”.

Judges 6:11-12 (NIV) – “The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior”.

“The LORD doesn’t wait for a perfect condition by human standards to do what He wants to do. He appears in the most unexpected places at the most unexpected times, using the most unexpected persons to do the most unexpected things! Stop making excuses; stop procrastinating. Do what you can do, as you’re led by the LORD and He will meet you on the way –
Pastor T.O. Banson

Judges 6:14-16 (NIV) – The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?” “Pardon me, my lord”, Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family”. The Lord answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive”.

John 1:18 (NIV) – “No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known”.

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Judges 6:22-24a (NIV) – When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord, he exclaimed, “Alas, Sovereign Lord! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!” But the Lord said to him, “Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die”. So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord is Peace.

Judges 6:32 (NIV) – “So because Gideon broke down Baal’s altar, they gave him the name Jerub-Baal that day, saying, ‘Let Baal contend with him’”.

Revelation 16:16 (NIV) - “Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon”.

“Will you think me odd if I say that our Lord came to give us peace that he might send us out to war?” – **Charles Spurgeon**

John 16:33 (NIV) – “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”.