

## Fruitful Summer Devotional

### Week 4

#### Day 1: Peace with God Through Christ

**Scripture:** Romans 5:1

*"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Peace with God isn't earned—it's declared. It's not the result of our performance but of Christ's perfection. When you stop trying to save yourself and trust what Christ has done, you are at peace with God.

#### Application Questions:

1. Are you living like you have peace with God—or still trying to prove yourself to Him?
2. How does knowing you're justified by grace change how you approach today?

#### Day 2: The God of Peace Is Near

**Scripture:** Philippians 4:4–7

*"...The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

God's peace is not the calm of escape—it's the presence of Christ in the chaos. When you bring your fears to Him with thanksgiving, His peace doesn't just visit—it stands guard.

#### Application Questions:

1. What anxieties have been ruling your heart this week?
2. What would it look like to honestly present those to God with thanksgiving today?

### **Day 3: Peace That Rules the Heart**

**Scripture:** Colossians 3:15-17

*"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts..."*

The peace of Christ is meant to *rule*—not merely visit—your heart. It's not just a feeling, but a governing reality. When the Gospel rules your heart, fear and resentment no longer do. The more you study, the more you pursue Jesus, and live connected to one another, the more peace will rule your heart.

#### **Application Questions:**

1. What voices or emotions have been “ruling” your heart instead of Christ's peace?
2. What can you do to let the message of Christ dwell in your heart and mind?
3. How might you invite others to help you mature in your faith?

### **Day 4: Jesus, Our Peace in the Storm**

**Scripture:** Mark 4:35–41

*"Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased..."*

The peace Jesus offers is not the absence of storms—but His presence within them. When you realize the One who calms storms is in your boat, your fear gives way to trust.

#### **Application Questions:**

1. What current “storm” in your life is threatening your peace, and how are you resting in Jesus during this season?
2. How does remembering Jesus’ power and presence change your perspective?

\* Listen to the song Prince of Peace by Hillsong United

## **Day 5: Peace Between Believers**

**Scripture:** Ephesians 2:13–18

*"He himself is our peace, who has made us both one..."*

Christ didn't just reconcile us to God—He reconciled us to one another. The Spirit creates a new community where past divisions are healed, and hostility is replaced by peace.

### **Application Questions:**

1. Where in your relationships are you holding on to division instead of pursuing peace?
2. What might peacemaking look like for you this week in the body of Christ?

## **Day 6: Peacemaking in a Fractured World**

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:9

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."*

Peacemaking isn't passive—it's courageous. It costs something. But when we step into conflict with Gospel grace and truth, we reflect our Father's heart. We don't avoid tension—we redeem it.

### **Application Questions:**

1. Are you more of a peace-lover (avoider) or a peacemaker (redeemer)?
2. How can you take one step toward Gospel-centered peacemaking today?

## **Day 7: Living at Peace With All**

**Scripture:** Romans 12:9-18

*"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."*

Peace is not always possible, but it is always *pursuable*. You're not responsible for how others respond, but you *are* responsible for how you love, forgive, and seek reconciliation.

### **Application Questions:**

1. Is there someone you've given up on seeking peace with too quickly?
2. What step of humility, forgiveness, or clarity can you take that "depends on you"?