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Life Storms



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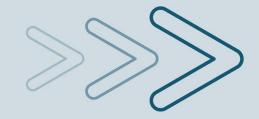


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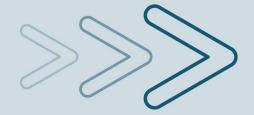


Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7



Peace > Panic



Eirene - to join together what was broken, make something whole

Not surface calm, but soul restoration.



Peace comes when we focus on Jesus, not the storm(s).



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As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake."



So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed).



But soon a <u>fierce</u> storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

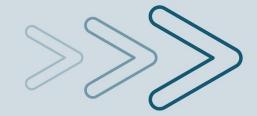


Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion.

The disciples woke him up, shouting,



"Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"



When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!"



Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm.



Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"



The disciples were absolutely terrified.

"Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"



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Anticipate the Storms



I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me.

John 16:33



Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows.

John 16:33



But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

John 16:33



Recognize the Storm Early



Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8



Fix Your Eyes on Jesus



You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

Isaiah 26:3



The Lord gives his people strength. The Lord blesses them with peace.

Psalm 29:11



Choose Peace Daily



And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

Colossians 3:15



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God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.



Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;



taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will;



so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.



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