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WHERE DOES PEACE COME FROM?

There is a cliché that goes like this: “Know Jesus, know peace. No Jesus, no peace.” Even though this is true, how do we find peace in a world full of turmoil? How do we find peace when we witness violence and mayhem? How do we find peace when violent storms come, and our “boat” is rocked and is sinking? How do we find peace when our friends are sick, and some have died even when we prayed?

Is there a way to have peace through all of these situations? Yes, there is, but it is not something we do in the natural. It is only obtained one way. In Isaiah 26:3 there is a clue. It says, **“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”** The word stayed means to lean on, rest, take hold of in a favorable sense, to sustain. To lean on means someone else is supporting our weight. Jesus told us to take his yoke upon us. In other words, we team up with him but let him be the stronger member of the team.

The second part of the verse in Isaiah is the most important part. **“because he trusteth in thee.”** This means we have faith that the person we lean upon “will” be able to support us. It means we let him carry us if necessary. When fear is in our lives it means that we are not trusting God, and we will lose our peace. It truly is as simple as that. Trust comes from believing God even when the circumstances are contrary to good. Trust comes totally by faith in the one that created you and knows you better than anyone.

I could list so many Biblical characters that trusted in God, and because of that they “finished their course” in faith. But this message is about you and me. Do we truly lean on God when the circumstances are bad? Can we trust that He knows more than us? Do we take Him at his “word” and speak it over the circumstances? We must stay our minds (totally lean on him and his word) to have victory. Most of the problems come because we don’t do just that. Since God knows everything, He knows what you need. He only asks that you spend time with him and let Him direct your steps. He wants us to “lean” on Him for everything!

We sing the old song, “Trust and Obey, for there’s no other way” and it is a good song to remember. Do you trust him in all circumstances, or only in the “good times”? If it is only in the good times, then you will lose your peace when the trials come. Trials come to increase our faith and cause us to lean on Him more and more and this is the only way to have His peace.