

Personal Peace Pact

*How to Secure a Powerful
Life Changing Peace*

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The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:5-7



LIFE WITH GOD

IS NOT IMMUNITY

FROM

DIFFICULTIES,

BUT PEACE IN

DIFFICULTIES.

-C.S. LEWIS

"Not just a book but a spontaneous act of generosity." — PHYLLIS THEROUX, WASHINGTON POST

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

*A New Psychology
of Love, Traditional
Values and
Spiritual Growth*

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Life is difficult. This is a great truth, one of the greatest truths. It is a great truth because once we truly see this truth, we transcend it.

— *M. Scott Peck* —

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Your Personal Peace Pact Message

1. Peace Parameters
2. Peace Possibilities
3. Peace Obstacles
4. Securing Peace, Five Steps
5. Peace Commitment

1. Peace Parameters

peace.

It does not mean to be in a place
where there is no noise, trouble
or hard work. It means to be in
the midst of those things and still

be calm in your heart.

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PACT - Definition



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The Region of Peace

“When we believe in Christ as our personal Saviour, the peace of Christ is ours. The reconciliation provided for us in the atonement of Christ is the foundation of our peace; but gloomy feelings are no evidence that the promises of God are of no effect.

“You look at your feelings, and because your outlook is not all brightness, you begin to draw more closely the garment of heaviness about your soul. You look within yourself, and think that God is forsaking you.

“You are to look to Christ. In Me, Christ says, ye shall have peace. Entering into communion with our Saviour, we enter the region of peace...”

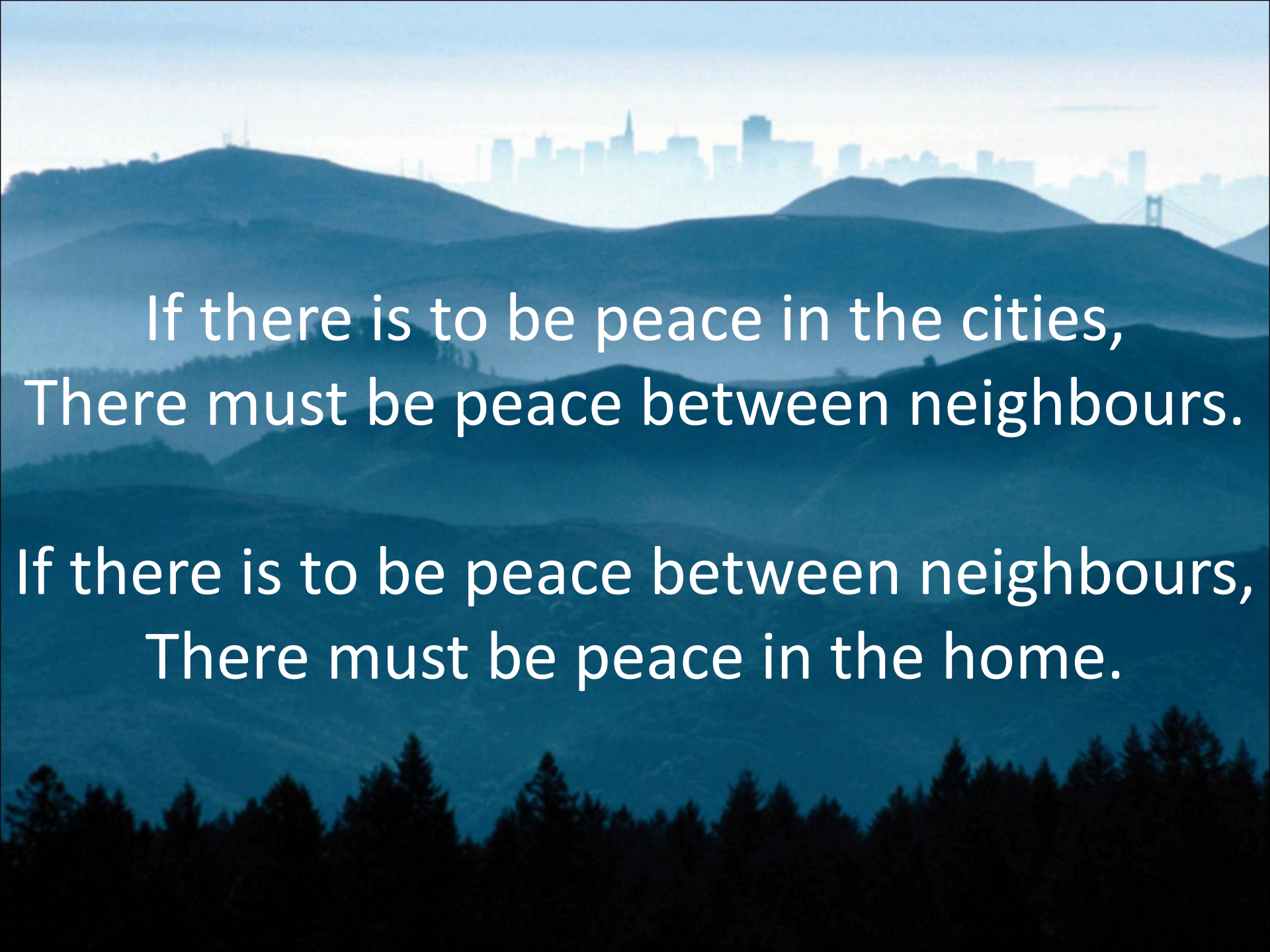
Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, May 19, 1896

2. Peace Possibilities

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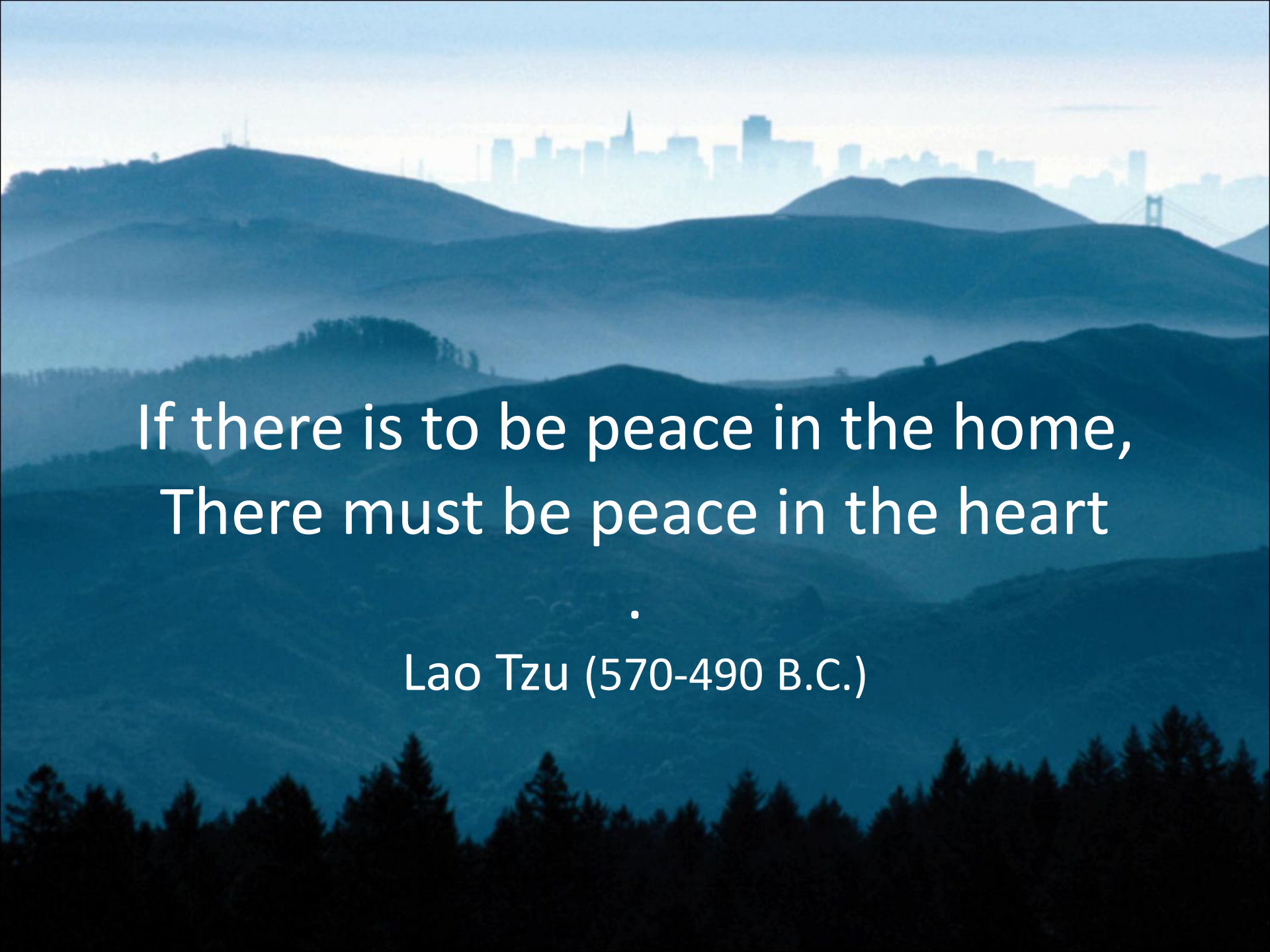
If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.



If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbours.

If there is to be peace between neighbours,
There must be peace in the home.



If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in the heart

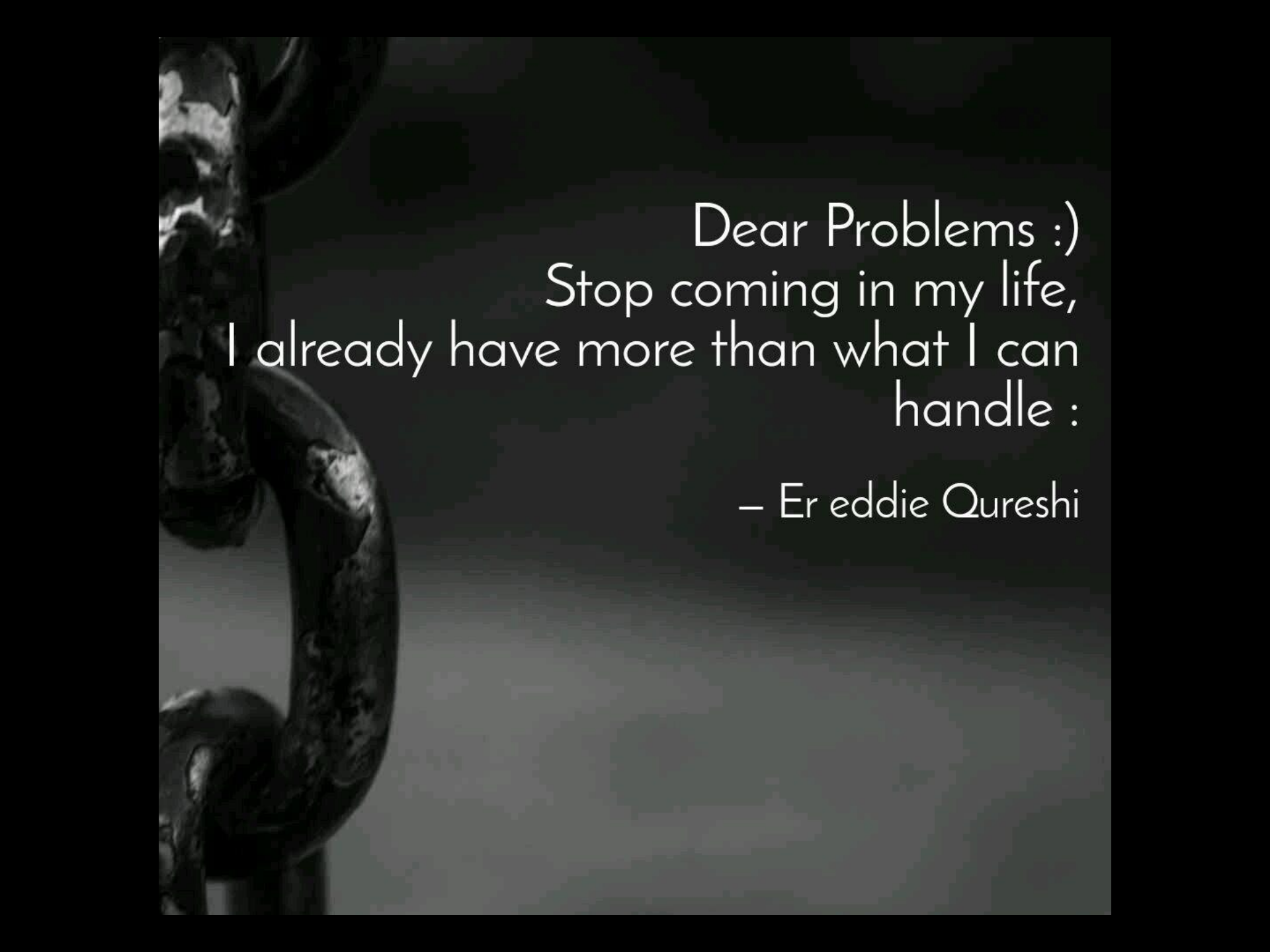
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Lao Tzu (570-490 B.C.)

Erase my worries.







Dear Problems :)
Stop coming in my life,
I already have more than what I can
handle :

– Er eddie Qureshi

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Hebrew (Shalom)

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Shalom (Hebrew: ????????) shalom; also spelled as sholom, sholem, sholoim, shulem) is a Hebrew word meaning peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquility and can be used idiomatically to mean both hello and goodbye.

Peace Search

Psalm 34:4

I sought the LORD,
and he answered
me; he delivered
me from all my
fears.

Peace Legacy

PEACE IS WHAT I LEAVE
WITH YOU; IT IS MY OWN
PEACE THAT I GIVE YOU. I
DO NOT GIVE IT AS THE
WORLD DOES. DO NOT BE
WORRIED AND UPSET; DO
NOT BE AFRAID.
JOHN 14:27

Peace Search

COLOSSIANS 3:15

LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST
RULE IN YOUR HEARTS,
SINCE AS MEMBERS OF ONE
BODY YOU WERE CALLED TO
PEACE. AND BE THANKFUL.

Peace Return

“GREAT PEACE HAVE THEY
WHO LOVE YOUR LAW, AND
NOTHING CAN MAKE THEM
STUMBLE.”

- PSA. 119:165



Peace Site

When we develop a lifestyle of making the Lord our refuge, we begin to live in the *peace* of God.

“He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust” (Psalm 91:1).



3. Peace Obstacles

No God, No Peace Know God, Know Peace

But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud. “There is no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked.” Isaiah 57:20-21



**OVER
COME**
the
**7
DEADLY
SINS**

Lust

Unrestrained sexual craving

Be pure.

Guard your heart. Give yourself a project, exercise when you're bored.

Gluttony

To over-indulge, especially by over-eating

Be moderate.

Exercise regularly, avoid excess in eating and drinking.

Pride

Inflated sense of one's accomplishments

Be humble.

You need God and others. Pray and serve.

Sloth

Laziness, lack of effort

Be diligent.

Have a schedule, don't let your life revolve around resting.

Wrath

Uncontrolled feelings of hatred and anger

Be patient.

Moderate your emotions, take deep breaths before reacting.

Greed

The excessive desire for material things

Be generous.

Donate something you like but don't need to the poor.

Envy

Jealousy towards another's happiness

Be thankful.

Thank God everyday for what you have and don't have.

"BE HOLY IN ALL YOU DO" (1 PETER 1: 15)

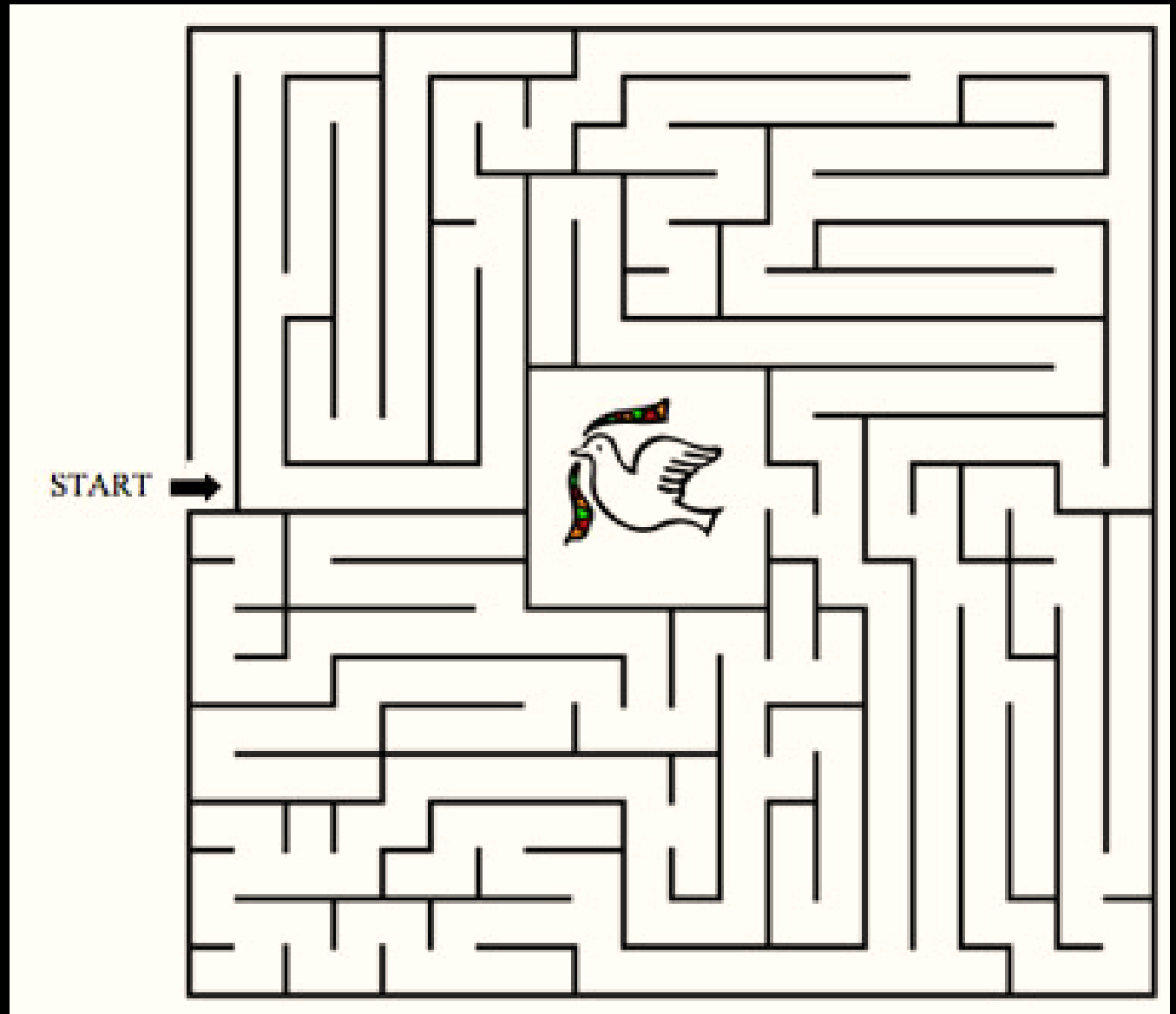
**THE ENEMY IS NOT AFTER YOUR MONEY
OR YOUR STUFF. HE WANTS YOUR MIND.
YOUR ATTITUDE. YOUR HEART. YOUR
FAITH. YOUR PEACE. KICK HIM IN THE
TEETH & TAKE BACK WHAT'S YOURS,**

AND STAND! UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR
NOT BEING **ATTACKED** OVER THE
TANGIBLE THINGS IN YOUR LIFE. THE
ENEMY IS **FIGHTING** U OVER THE THINGS
U CANT SEE. **@REALTALKKIM**



O victory in Jesus,
My Savior, forever.
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory,
Beneath the cleansing flood.

How
Can
This
Peace
Be
Found?



4. Securing Peace, Five Steps

Five Steps to Securing Your Peace Pact

Philippians 4:1-9

Step 1

- Stand in Grace

Step 2

- Apply Love Usage

Step 3

- Rejoice No-matter What

Step 4

- Give Over Getting

Step 5

- Persevere to Peace

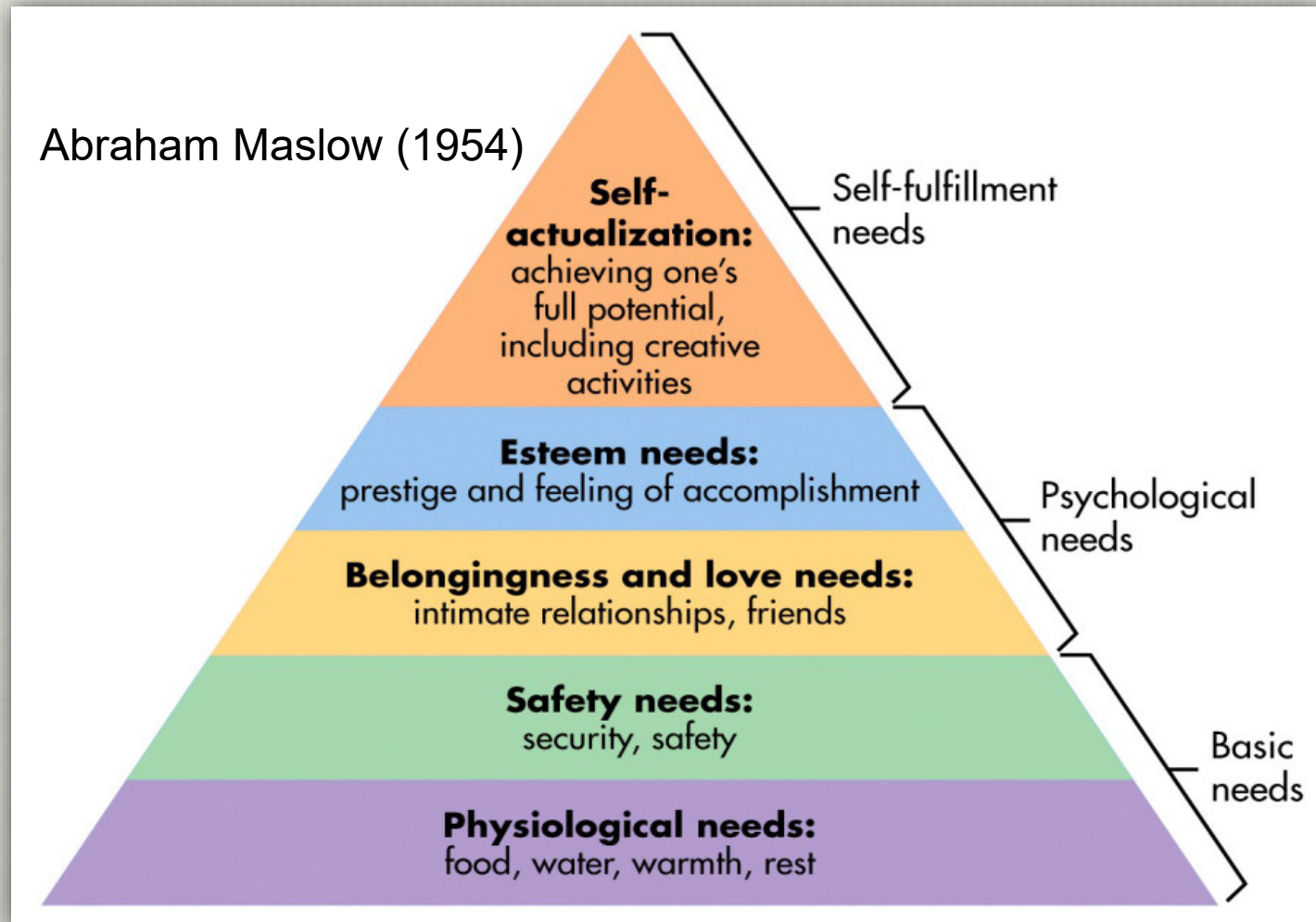
Step 1: Stand in Grace

Philippians 4:1

- ❖ The Peace Pact begins with a Divine-Human Relationship:
 - 1) The Peace with God (Justification): As Abraham's faith was "*counted to him as righteousness*" (Rom 3:22), it "*will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification*" (Rom 3:24-25). "*Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God.*" (Rom 5:1).
 - 2) The Peace of God (Sanctification): "*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid*" (John 14:27). Later, Jesus adds, "*I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world*" (John 16:33).
--This combination is the down payment for the promised peace
- ❖ Superlatives flow from Paul: beloved(2), longed-for, joy, crown...; Peace Pact is bonafede, presupposes cooperation...

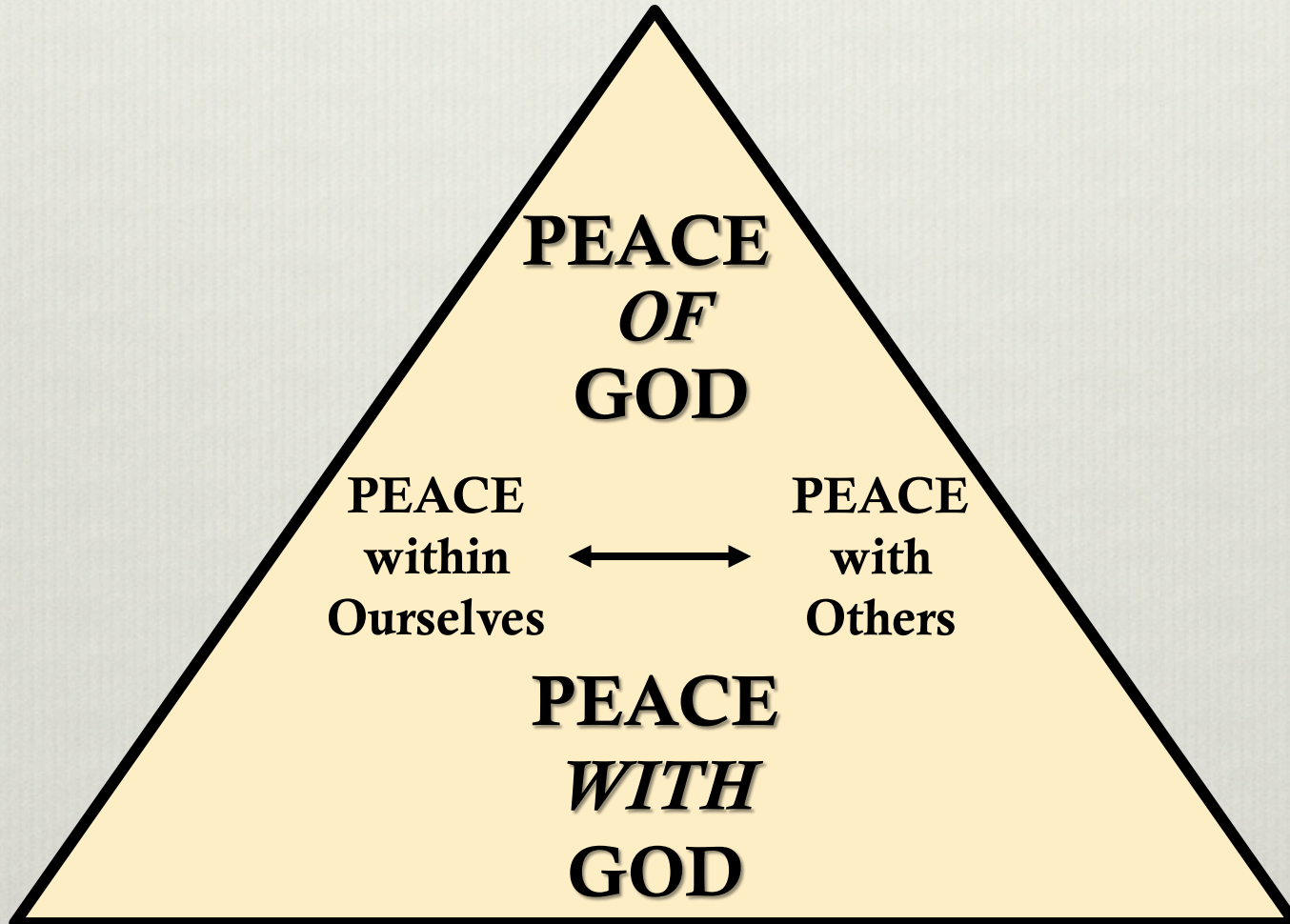
“First Things First!”

Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs



“The Order Makes a Difference”

Paul’s Hierarchy of Peace



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Step 2: Apply Love Usage (↓↑)

Philippians 4:2-3

- ❖ Good relationships are vital: peace comes from love; love comes from a personal relationship with Christ.
- ❖ The way we relate to each other reflects a lot on how we relate with God. "I *urge* Euodia (fragrance) and I *urge* Syntyche (fortune) to live in harmony in the Lord" (4:2).
- ❖ 'Urge' and 'Encourage' each to offer peace as they have received it; give favor to each other; be unifying peacemakers.
- ❖ Our plans, minds, hopes and aspirations come under the scrutiny of the Lord's humility. Peace is never an individual possession. Our Peace Pact with the Lord is always in the context of a love relationship with God and others. Where do you need to focus love and peace right now?

Dual Peace of the Pact – Philippians 4

Peace Defined: Freedom from Disturbance

❖ **Peace WITH GOD**

Romans 5:1 – “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ . . .”

❖ **Peace WITHIN OURSELVES**

Isaiah 26:3 – “You will keep him in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.*”

Hebrews 12:11 – Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it *yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness* to those who have been trained by it.”

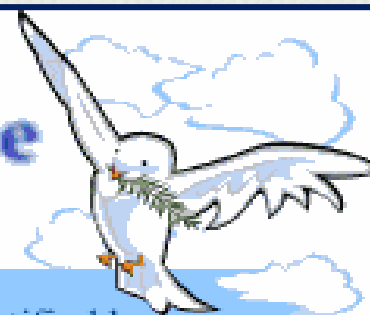
❖ **Peace WITH OTHERS**

Romans 12:18 – “If it is possible as much as depends on you, *live peaceably* with all men.” Psalm 34:14 – “*Seek peace and pursue it*”

Romans 14:19 – “Therefore let us pursue the *things which make for peace*...and that edify one another.”

God's Peace

Peace



1) Peace with God

Peace with God & others.
Reconciliation - peace making

"Therefore having been justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,"
(Romans 5:1)

This peace has two aspects.

2) Peace of God

Peace in our inner selves.
Inner harmony

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have **peace**. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."
(John 16:33)

We cannot have peace of God
until we first have peace with God.

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Step 3: Rejoice No-matter What

Philippians 4:4

- ❖ Joy and peace and not in things or circumstances but in the Lord, in peace-loving service to Him; its not on how others treat us but on how God wants us to love and treat others.

- ❖ Big Peace Challenge that needs to be lived out:
 - 1) Action: “rejoice” is opposite to react;
 - 2) Object: “In the Lord”, not people or problem;
 - 3) Duration: “always” not sometimes when you feel like it;
 - 4) Emphasis: “Again” repeat

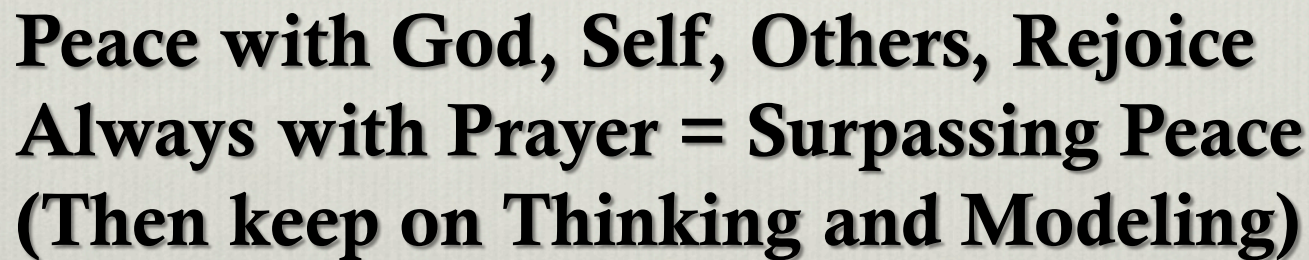
- ❖ Not in feelings but be disciplined in peace-sharing, peace living.

- ❖ We cannot have peace with God and self if we are not at peace with one another? One links to the other.

Making “Stand Fast”

Produce a Desirable Outcome— Philippians

- ❖ Stages of “Peace” Production (Philippians):
 - ❖ First, an Idea (rejoice always, and again), v. 4
 - ❖ Second, a Belief (moderation be known), v. 5
 - ❖ Third, a Habit (in every thing by prayer), v. 6
 - ❖ Fourth, a Practice (peace shall keep you), v. 7
 - ❖ Finally, a Progression (think and do), vs. 8-9



**Peace with God, Self, Others, Rejoice
Always with Prayer = Surpassing Peace
(Then keep on Thinking and Modeling)**

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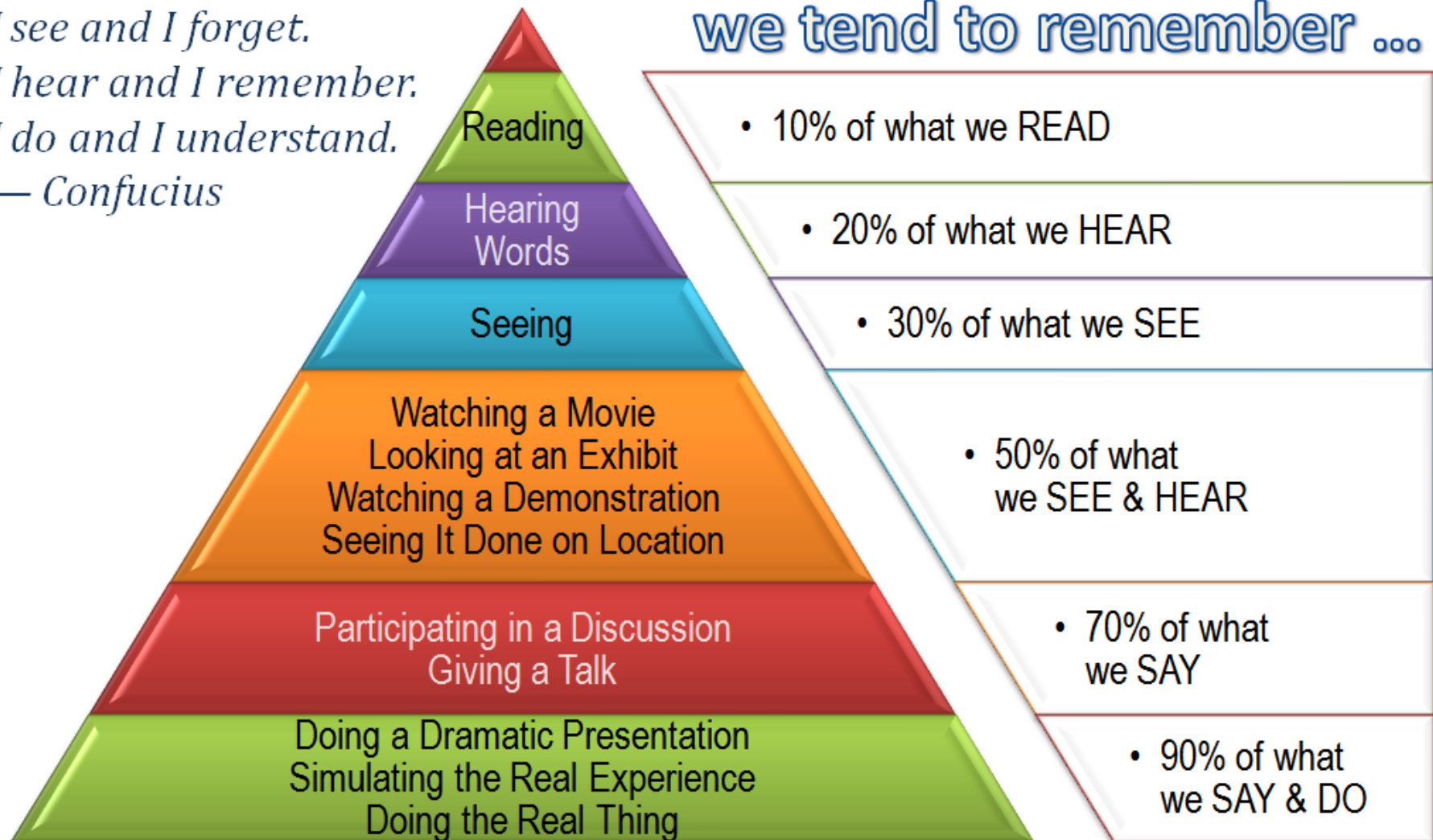
RULE:

It takes 21 days to create a habit,
It takes 90 days to create a lifestyle

Peace Pact as a Habit?

The Cone of Learning

*I see and I forget.
I hear and I remember.
I do and I understand.*
— Confucius



Source: Edgar Dale (1969)

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Step 4: Giving Over Getting

Philippians 4:5

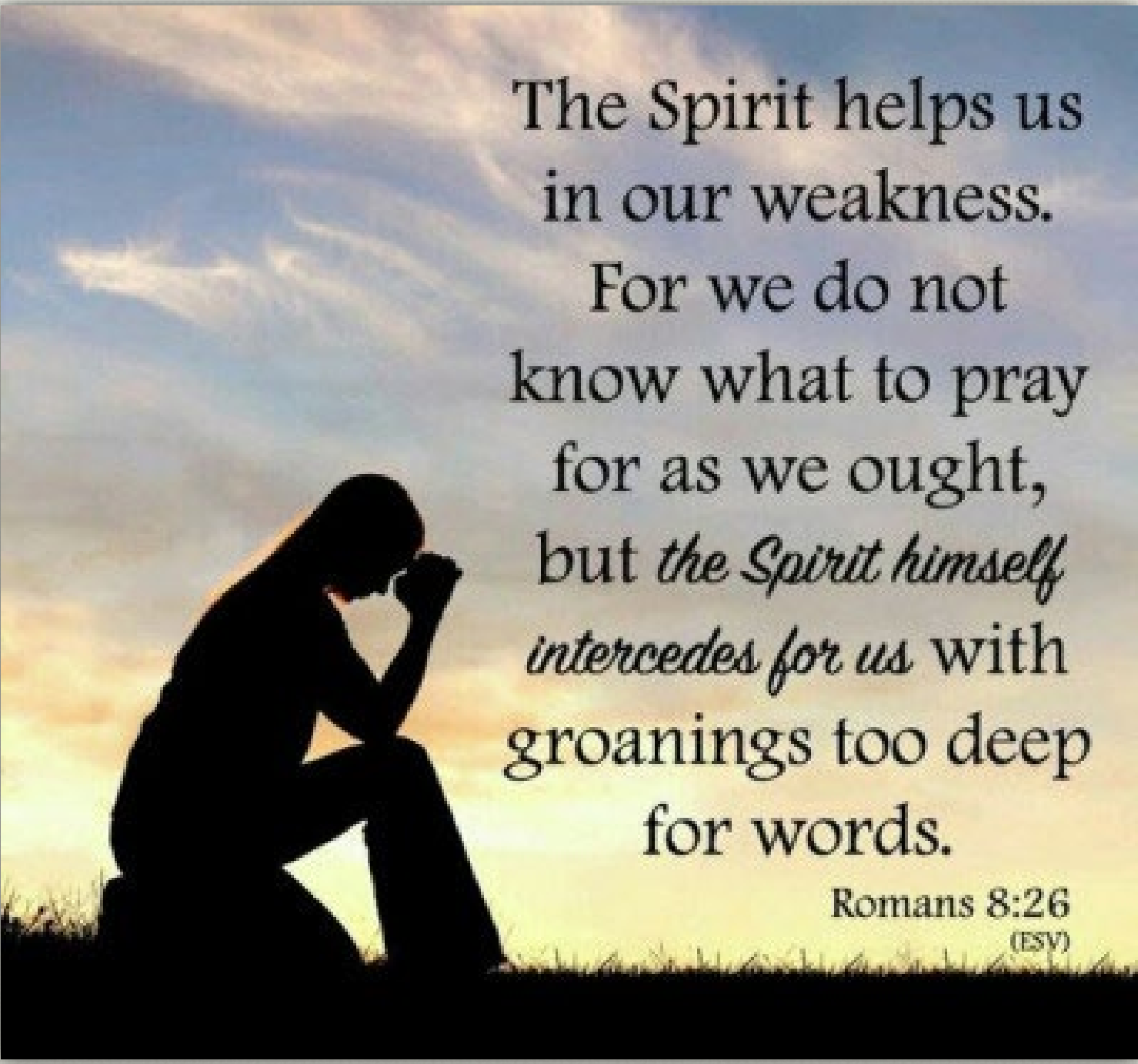
- ❖ We normally equate peace with getting everything we want. Bible changes notion of 'our rights' to 'our responsibility'.
- ❖ Instead of focusing on *getting* what we want, we need to focus on *giving* love, peace and patience to the very people who threaten our chance of getting what we want.
- ❖ Peace doesn't come through demanding our rights but by passing up our rights for the glory of God: Why? Because the sign of a Christian is gentleness knowing, "the Lord is near" or the Lord sees and is presence/sees all we do.
- ❖ Manner: 1. Magnanimity (i.e., sweet reasonableness);
2. Scope: to all men—it includes everyone we interact with;
3. Urgency: Lord is near--Presence is felt, His return is near.

Don't be overwhelmed by the need for peace. Pray for surrender through a Bible-based prayer for peace of mind:

- ❖ Lord God, I wasn't expecting this, but I believe that You are still in control, and close to me even now (Psalm 46:1).
- ❖ Thank You that before any of this even happened, You already knew it; You will provide a way through (Psalm 23:4).
- ❖ Let Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard me from dwelling on disastrous possibilities, and plant my feet firmly on Your Word and what is true (Phil 4:6-8).
- ❖ Help me to trust even in this hard place, give me your perfect peace as I fix my mind on You (Isaiah 26:3). No matter what, I believe You will use it for good (Jeremiah 29:11), to make much of Jesus and to make me more like Jesus (Romans 8:28-29).

I trust You and love You. Amen.

(One Thing Alone Ministry)

A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, with their head bowed and hands clasped, set against a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of blue, orange, and yellow. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right.

The Spirit helps us
in our weakness.

For we do not
know what to pray
for as we ought,
but *the Spirit himself*
intercedes for us with
groanings too deep
for words.

Romans 8:26
(ESV)

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Step 5: Persevere to Peace

Philippians 4:6-7

- ❖ We are challenged to 1) stop worrying, and then 2) to entrust these worries into God's gracious care. Worrying is to be discarded. Turn the temptation to worry as a time to pray.
- ❖ Don't be anxious and worry about anything but in everything by prayer, supplication with thanksgiving tell God.
- ❖ Here we are *first* challenged to stop worrying, *secondly* we're charged to entrust issues to God; *third*, we are to do peace.
- ❖ Too many Christians worry as a privilege? Amazing after many years of experience many Christian still openly worry. Challenge: (1) stop worrying, (2) tell God about your needs and trust Him, trust God with peace versus worrying.

5. Personal Peace Pact Commitment

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Just Daily Practice Godliness and You Will Experience the “Bond of Peace”

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, **beseech you to walk worthy** of the **calling** with which you were called, with all **lowliness and gentleness**, with **longsuffering, bearing with one another in love**, endeavoring to **keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**”

Ephesians 4:2-3

THINK
ABOUT
THESE
THINGS.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Faithlife

Your Personal Peace Pact with God is Possible with Your Cooperation



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1. Stand > Grace
 2. Apply > Love
 3. Rejoice > Always
 4. Give > Not Get
 5. Persevere > Peace

Peace
Pact

DEAR LORD,
TEACH ME TO TRUST IN YOU SO THAT WHEN THE
UNEXPECTED STORMS OF LIFE COME,
I WILL EXPECT PEACE IN THE MIDST OF THOSE STORMS,
KNOWING THAT YOU ARE NEAR,
YOU HEAR MY CRIES,
AND YOU ARE WITH ME AND FOR ME.

There once was a king who offered a prize to the artist who would paint the best picture of peace. Many artists tried. The king looked at all the pictures.

But there were only two he really liked, and he had to choose between them.

Picture 1



Picture 1 was of a calm lake. The lake was a perfect mirror for peaceful towering mountains all around. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds

Picture 2



Picture 2 had mountains, too. Above was an angry sky, from which rain fell and in which lightning played. But when the King looked closely, he saw behind the waterfall a tiny bush growing. In the bush a mother bird had built the nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird on her nest – in perfect peace.

The king chose the second picture.

Peace isn't something that just randomly happens to us. And it doesn't always look like we think it should.

Lasting inner peace is something we choose, commit to and diligently cooperate with the Holy Spirit to achieve.



**YOU KEEP HIM
IN PERFECT PEACE**

**WHOSE MIND IS STAYED
ON YOU, BECAUSE
HE TRUSTS IN YOU.**

ISAIAH 26:3



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