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**Sometimes Always**

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (4) (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) (5) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; (KJV)

Sometimes the enemy will try to get you entangled again in the affairs of this life thinking something carnal could ever satisfy a spiritual need. Or that something carnal could ever bring an end to fear or doubt. Always know this Church, that although we walk in this carnal realm, your answer will not come from it, rather it will manifest within you first, bringing peace and confidence no matter how chaotic things may be happening in the outward.

John 14:26-27 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (27) Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (KJV)

Sometimes the enemy will come along and try to paint a picture which is just too good to be true. Always know that the enemy is more than willing to show you a highlight reel of the pleasures of sin, it’s just those doggone consequences that he seems to leave out that get us every time. Let me put it to you this way, people who live in an imaginary realm end up with imaginary results, none of which came from God. The peace of this world is based on outward events, while the peace of God is based on the inward; you know that truth that sets you free?

Jeremiah 16:5 For thus saith the LORD, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, even lovingkindness and mercies. (KJV)

Sometimes you will find yourself in a place that is not very peaceable or uplifting, even though they may claim to be a Christian organization. If the peace of God is not there it is not because God didn’t desire to be there, rather it’s always on mans’ end when they remove themselves out of His will. Just because they claim to be of God doesn’t always make it so.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. (KJV)

Sometimes we have a tendency to base our decisions more on the outward rather than the inward. A job situation, just because it pays more, doesn’t mean that it was the Lord’s first choice. How about that person that you decided you wanted to be in a relationship with, was it based more on an outward desire or an inward one? Always know that if the peace of God is not leading you in your decisions, then you are chasing a mirage, an imagination that will end up being a dead end.

Philippians 4:6-8 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (7) And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (8) Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (KJV)

Sometimes we get anxious, which is what the word careful is referring to, and we get ahead of God chasing what we think is a blessing. Always know that by being still and waiting on the Lord, you will then know when it is peaceable and coming from above, or whether you have fallen for something below what He intended. How about verse 8 dealing with the reality of where the Lord will be found, and not some empty carnal imagination you thought would work.

Isaiah 55:7-9 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (8) For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. (9) For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. (KJV)

Sometimes we get a bit stuck in the mud of this fallen world because we don’t step out in faith into the realm that our Lord was dying to give His people access to. Always know this that those who keep doing the same carnal things should not imagine something Spiritual to manifest. So Church, lets rise up, and get off our carnal couches and walk in a newness of life where you will find the true peace of God.