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Philippians 4:6-7 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 passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (KJV)

Please do take note of the order that gets results with God, and how to be effective in our walk. The peace of God begins with the heart which then renews the mind so that we can operate with the mind of Christ. Anything outside the realm of faith is sin and will not be pleasing to God, while the flip side is that with God all things are now in the possible column, and actually should be something that God’s people expect to manifest.

Ezekiel 11:19-21 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: (20) That they may walk in my statutes and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. (21) But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD. (KJV)

Remember what it was like in the beginning of your walk with the Lord and all that new found peace and joy that you experienced? Yeah folks it didn’t have to come to an end, rather it is a way of life that you should be continuing in despite what the outward would try to dictate. By keeping your heart and mind renewed daily it will keep you on the path of life and away from all the strife and contention of others who become double minded and wavering again.

Jeremiah 32:38-40 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God: (39) And I will give them one heart, and one way that they may fear me forever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: (40) And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. (KJV)

You know, when you accept the Lord and His plan of salvation it is expected that you continue to be lead by the Spirit and not your emotions anymore. You are required to keep your heart in the right place so that you will not be moved away from the hope of the gospel.

Acts 4:32-35 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. (33) And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. (34) Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, (35) And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. (KJV)

When looking at the above verses we see the blueprint of what God intended for His church and how He would like to see it operate. Being of one heart and one mind with Christ is what gave the apostles the strength to not only preach but to demonstrate how to walk in the power and authority of Christ. If your church or congregation doesn’t have this mindset it may be time for you to look elsewhere until you find it. I personally have been involved in places that resembled more of a henhouse with a lot of nitpicky people who spent more time cackling about others rather than looking out for their Spiritual welfare. Let’s just say I got tired of playing chicken.