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About*



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*You were an answer to my prayer  
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Faith is to believe what you do not see;  
the Reward of this faith is to see what you believe.  
(St. Augustine)







# Peace

## FREEDOM FROM DISQUIETING OR OPPRESSIVE THOUGHTS/EMOTIONS

For years I thought that peace was elusive ... something I had to “find” and grab hold of so it wouldn’t slip away.

But I finally figured it out ... I think?!

There are many truths that bring us peace:

1. God loves and cares for us
2. Jesus rescued us
3. Jesus conquered the world for us
4. God helps us through this life
5. God is pleased with our faith, obedience, and loyalty

The thought that seems to affect me the most, is when I know that I am pleasing God, everything else in life fades away.

Peace isn’t something we can search for and find; it is the result of doing and being what pleases God.

We will not have peace in our hearts until we have confidence that we have put God first in our lives, that we desire Him above all else, that we aim to please Him, and are thankful to Him for all He has done and continues to do for us.

That which God asks us to do for others and be for Him is what is best for us ... what will bring us peace of mind, heart, and spirit. He blesses us with peace ... it’s a gift.

So if I can’t find or feel the peace of God—the peace that passes understanding—it’s not because God is holding out on me ... it’s because I’m holding out on God.

*The mind governed by the flesh is death,  
but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace...*

Romans 8:6-7

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*And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through;  
and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved and sound and  
blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Thessalonians 5:23

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*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 4:6-7**

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*Jesus said... "If you abide in My Word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. And you will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free."*

**John 8:31-32 AMP**

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*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.*

Romans 14:17–18

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*May the Lord give strength to His people!*  
*May the Lord bless His people with peace!*

Psalm 29:11

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*Great peace have those who love Your law;  
nothing can make them stumble.*

Psalm 119:165

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*For He Himself is our peace...*  
Ephesians 2:14

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*You will keep in perfect and constant peace the one whose mind is steadfast [that is, committed and focused on You—in both inclination and character], because he trusts and takes refuge in You [with hope and confident expectation].*

Isaiah 26:3

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*But there will be glory, honor,  
and peace for everyone who practices doing good...*

Romans 2:10

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*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased.*

Luke 2:14

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*Nothing less than God can fill our soul. Its capacity is designed for God alone. If we try to fill it with earthly things, we will never be satisfied. Lovers of God will be at peace when they are filled with God through desire and meditation.*

(Richard Rolle)

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Using Scripture and Biblical principles, this book addresses some common subjects and questions, uncertainties and doubts that arise during difficult times of life.

The purpose of this book is to steer you toward God and the heart and soul healing that only He can provide.

When dreams disintegrate and life appears to be falling apart at the seams and we don't know who else to turn to, we call out to God for help, comfort, guidance, and answers. But what would happen if we turned to God as our first line of defense instead of in a state of shock and panic after all else has failed?

If we set our minds to grow our faith and trust in God, we will be comforted by His constant and abiding presence and He will prepare us for all that life throws our way.



Leslie Ritchie's mission is to help others know God's love and care for them — especially young people ... so they can avoid going through life feeling unloved by their God and Creator ... because life is completely different when you know that God loves you, sees you, cares about you, and walks with you!

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