

A New Peace

Passion Prayer Week | Saturday Devotional

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The day between the cross and the empty tomb is a very human moment in scripture, a moment that is all too real for many of us.

The disciples had watched everything they believed in collapse. Jesus—the one who calmed storms, raised the dead, and spoke with authority—had been beaten, crucified, and buried. The Messiah, in whom they had placed all their hope and trust, was now sealed in a tomb. The future they imagined was gone. Their understanding was shattered.

Disappointment frames the moment, and this is the tension of Saturday, between what was promised and believed and what had not yet been realized.

Most of us have lived through these moments before. We have all experienced the pain of disappointment and perhaps are sitting in a silent Saturday of our own even now. Jesus said that in this life, there would be trouble, and we are not fully insulated from that trouble.

And yet, even in the pain and discouragement, God is present. And, if God is present, so is His peace!

Though the disciples could not see it, God was still at work in the silence. Beneath the surface, redemption's plan was unfolding! What looked like defeat was the very pathway to victory. It was all happening, even if the disciples couldn't see it.

This is where God offers us something new and different - a peace that is supernatural and all-surpassing - not a peace dependent on circumstances, but a peace that is grounded God's faithfulness.

Scripture reminds us:

- "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)
- "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are stayed on You." (Isaiah 26:3)
- "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." (Exodus 14:14)
- "Peace I leave with you; MY PEACE I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you." (John 14:27)
- "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6–7)

This peace does not deny the chaos - it denies its power over us.

This Saturday we are invited to live in this same Peace. God's silence is not God's absence, and waiting in the quiet does not mean we are abandoned.

The peace God offers you and I is not fragile or fleeting like the world's peace. It is steady in the storm, present in the darkness, and unshaken by what we cannot yet see.

So today, we practice stillness. We choose to trust. We lean in with quiet confidence, believing that God is who He says He is—and that His promises are not undone by our confusion. May we walk in an uncommon and supernatural peace through the Saturdays of life.

Prayer:

Lord, in the quiet and the unknown, teach me to trust You more. When I don't understand what You are doing or what your timing is, help me to simply rest in who You are. Give me Your peace—the kind that steadies my heart when everything around me is uncertain and undefined. Help me be still and know that You are God. In Jesus mighty name, Amen.