Peace in the Midst of Trouble

THURSDAY · DECEMBER 10
READ John 14:25-27

On the night before His death, Jesus told His disciples that He would give them His peace. He spoke those words knowing trouble was coming. His gift was never a promise that life would be free of difficulty. It was a peace rooted in His presence, His victory, and the promised help of the Holy Spirit. We can feel anxious and still turn toward the Savior who holds us. We can grieve and still know that our deepest future is secure. Advent is a good time to stop expecting a flawless holiday to carry the weight of our joy. Christ offers something more durable than a perfectly planned December. Receive His words again: do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

REFLECT

What holiday expectation may be stealing your ability to rest in Christ's peace?

PRAY

Jesus, quiet our anxious hearts with the peace that only You can give.