



HELLO FROM THE OTHER SIDE: THE PATHWAY TO PEACE

TEXT:

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6 NLT

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."
John 14:27 NLT

I. **Peace can be hard to describe but easy to discern!**

- a. *"If you are depressed you are living in the past, if you are anxious you are living in the future, if you are at peace, you are living in the present."* —Lao Tzu
- b. *"Peace is a journey of a thousand miles and it must be taken one step at a time."* —Lyndon B. Johnson
- c. *"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."* —Eleanor Roosevelt
- d. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27 NIV

II. **Wind and Wave Obey Jesus**

- a. "On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!" Mark 4:35-41 NKJV

III. **Jesus Gives an Invitation**

- a. "Let us go to the otherside"

1. as we close out this year hear the Lord's invitation to you
2. If you fail to hear the Lord's invitation you will stay in a place where He no longer is
3. The side you are on, is not the only side that there is
4. You are not stuck or trapped in your current situation
5. "I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, For You have considered my trouble; You have known my soul in adversities, And have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a wide place." Psalms 31:7-8 NKJV

IV. **Who are You Taking on the Trip**

a. *"They left the multitude"*

1. to get to the other side you have to be willing to leave some folks behind (The cynic, toxic, hater etc.)
2. Everybody doesn't have the desire or the ability to go where you're going
3. You have to be more committed to your destination than you are to the multitude
4. Much in life is determined by who or what you are willing to leave
5. Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:59-62

b. *"They Took Him with them"*

1. It does matter who you take with you on the journey
2. Some people have no peace because they chose the wrong people to take with them!

V. **"A Great Windstorm Arose"**

- a. There will always be adversity between where you are and where God is taking you
- b. Having peace does not mean that you won't have any wilderness or storm filled seasons
- c. Your storm does not catch Jesus by Surprise
- d. "Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was **led by the Spirit into the wilderness**, being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry." Luke 4:1-2 NKJV

VI. **Waves Beating and Filling Up The Boat!**

- a. Have you ever felt like life was beating you up and tossing you around
- b. Life has a way of filling your boat up
- c. Responsibilities, obligations, expectations, the unexpected, and the list goes on and on!
- d. Have you ever felt like in life you were taking on "Too Much Water"
- e. After taking on too much water you begin to feel like you are sinking in life

VII. **Jesus don't you Care???**

- a. This is the tension in the text
- b. You can hear the sound of frustration and resentment that they have with Jesus
- c. Don't Get angry when Jesus is sleeping!!
- d. This is where the enemy exploits the situation and introduces feelings of loneliness, abandonment and desperation
- e. The enemy always exploits through telling you a lie
- f. The lie of anxiety is that your outcome will not be favorable - "There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off." Proverbs 23:18 NIV
- g. The lie of depression is that your situation will never change - "Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."" Matthew 19:26 NIV

VIII. **"How is that You Have No Faith"**

- a. The spiritual root of Anxiety, Depression and Loneliness is Resisting God
- b. We either resist:
 1. Who God is
 2. What God has said
 3. What God is doing

VIII. **Don't get your W's mixed up!**

- a. Having Jesus in your boat does not exempt you from storms
- b. Too many of us are focusing on the wind and the waves
- c. Instead we must focus on the words of Jesus

X. **Who Can this be?**

- a. A New Revelation of Jesus
- b. God is inviting you to experience Him in a whole new way

"Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures." —John F. Kennedy

Three Kinds of Peace - Peace is not a feeling, emotion or season, Peace is a Person!

1. Peace with Him
 - a. "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God." Romans 5:1-2 NIV
2. Peace Within
 - a. "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7 NIV

- b. "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." Isaiah 26:3 NIV
3. Peace with Others
- a. "When people's lives please the Lord, even their enemies are at peace with them." Proverbs 16:7 NLT
 - b. "Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9 NKJV

You are going to get to your Destiny Destination!!!! You will make it to the Other Side!!