

A 40-DAY FAITH EXPERIENCE

# PEACE





**What is peace?**

**Can a person really  
experience true  
peace in this life?**



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# Bible words for “peace”

## Hebrew of the Old Testament

Shalom שָׁלוֹם

Definition: completeness, soundness, welfare, peace

## Greek of the New Testament

Eirene εἰρήνη

From eirō, "to join, tie together into a whole" – properly, wholeness, i.e. when all essential parts are joined together; peace (God's gift of wholeness).



# What is shalom?

The roots of “shalom” have to do with completing a transaction. It's used when you pay somebody for a good or service. When we say we have peace, we are saying we have a completeness or a wholeness inside of us toward the situation. The peace of God is likened to assurance and confidence and knowing the future outcome or at least being able to impact or influence the outcome in a positive way.

– Pastor Chad Holland



# What is shalom?

Shalom means peace but it also comes from the root shalem which means completion. God's peace is that He is total, One without any contradictions or imperfections. Shalom is complete and total peace. – Rabbi Dov Lipman

Shalom comes from the root word Shalem which means complete or whole. So God is not only holy but wholely.  
– Rabbi Jeremy Gimpel



# Peace was promised before Messiah arrived

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, **Prince of Peace.** Isaiah 9:6

Sar Shalom שָׂר שְׁלוֹם

# Peace was declared when Messiah arrived

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace** [εἰρήνη eirene] among men with whom He is pleased.” Luke 2:13-14



# John 14

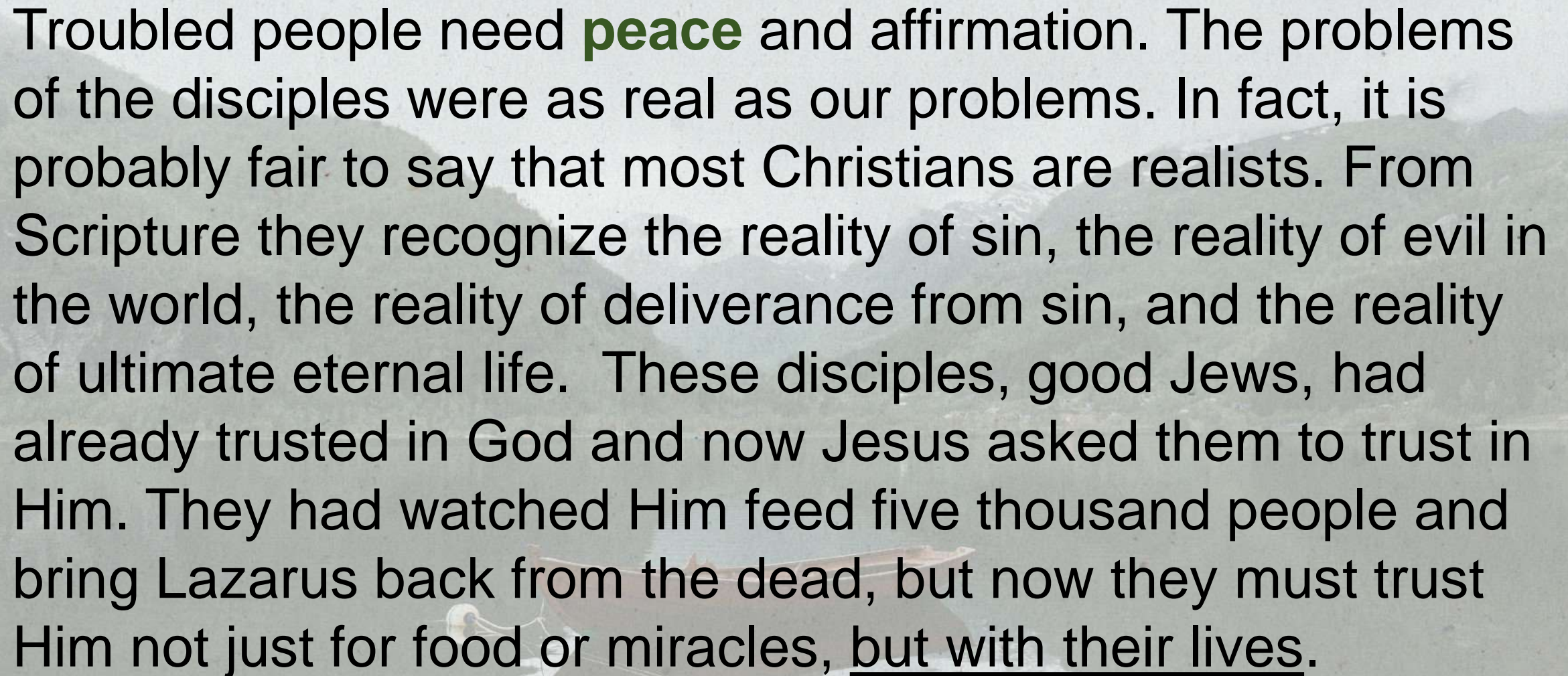


Jesus said to His disciples... “Do not let your heart be troubled [ταράσσω tarasso]; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going.” John 14:1-4

### **Greek ταράσσω tarasso**

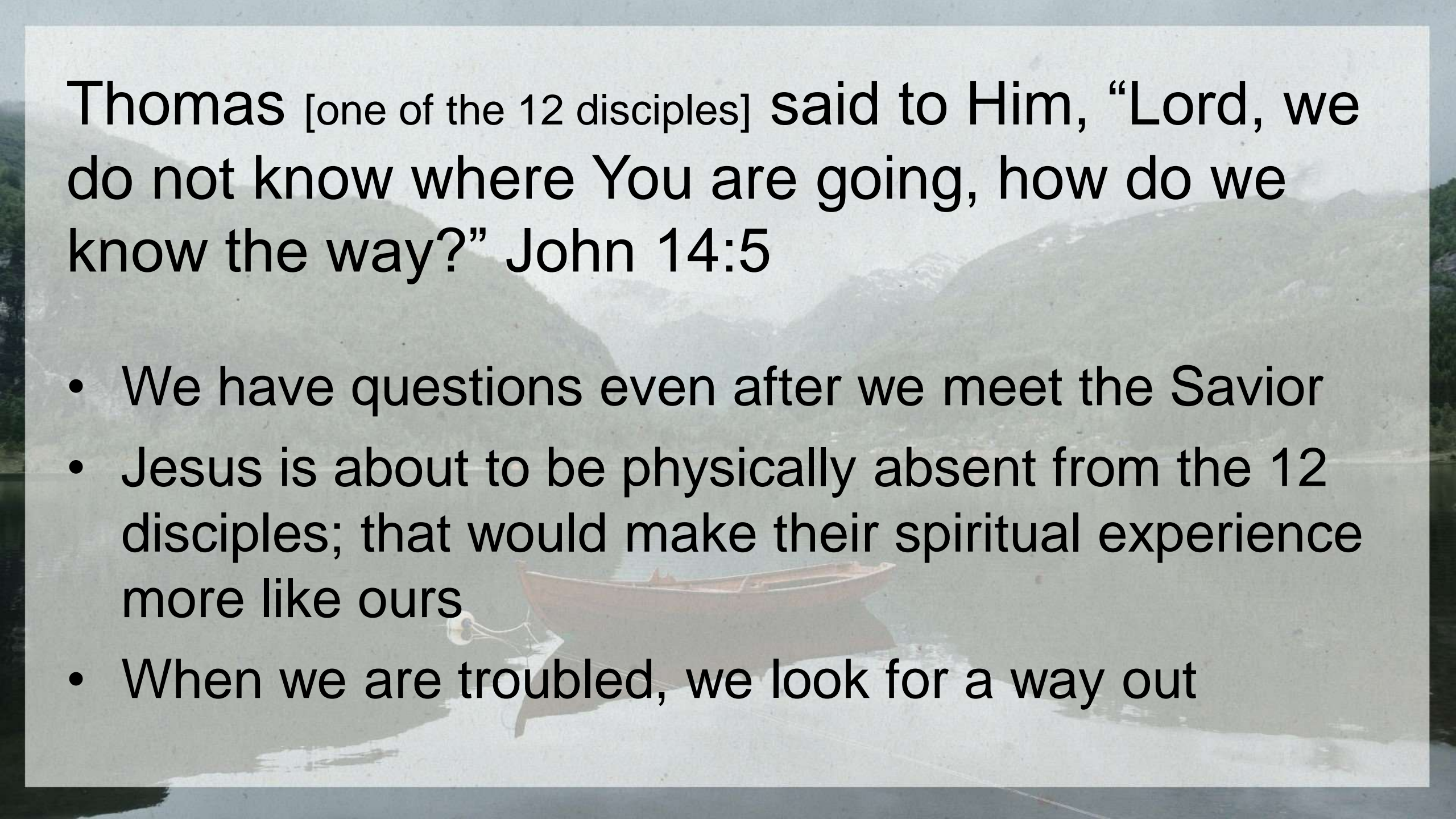
to agitate, trouble; to cause one inward commotion, take away his calmness of mind, disturb his equanimity; to disquiet, make restless; to stir up; to strike one’s spirit with fear and dread; to render anxious or distressed



A background image of a boat on a lake with mountains in the distance. The text is overlaid on this image.

Troubled people need **peace** and affirmation. The problems of the disciples were as real as our problems. In fact, it is probably fair to say that most Christians are realists. From Scripture they recognize the reality of sin, the reality of evil in the world, the reality of deliverance from sin, and the reality of ultimate eternal life. These disciples, good Jews, had already trusted in God and now Jesus asked them to trust in Him. They had watched Him feed five thousand people and bring Lazarus back from the dead, but now they must trust Him not just for food or miracles, but with their lives.



A scenic view of a fjord with a wooden boat in the foreground and mountains in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

Thomas [one of the 12 disciples] said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” John 14:5

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Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” John 14:6

## Who is the Prince of Peace?

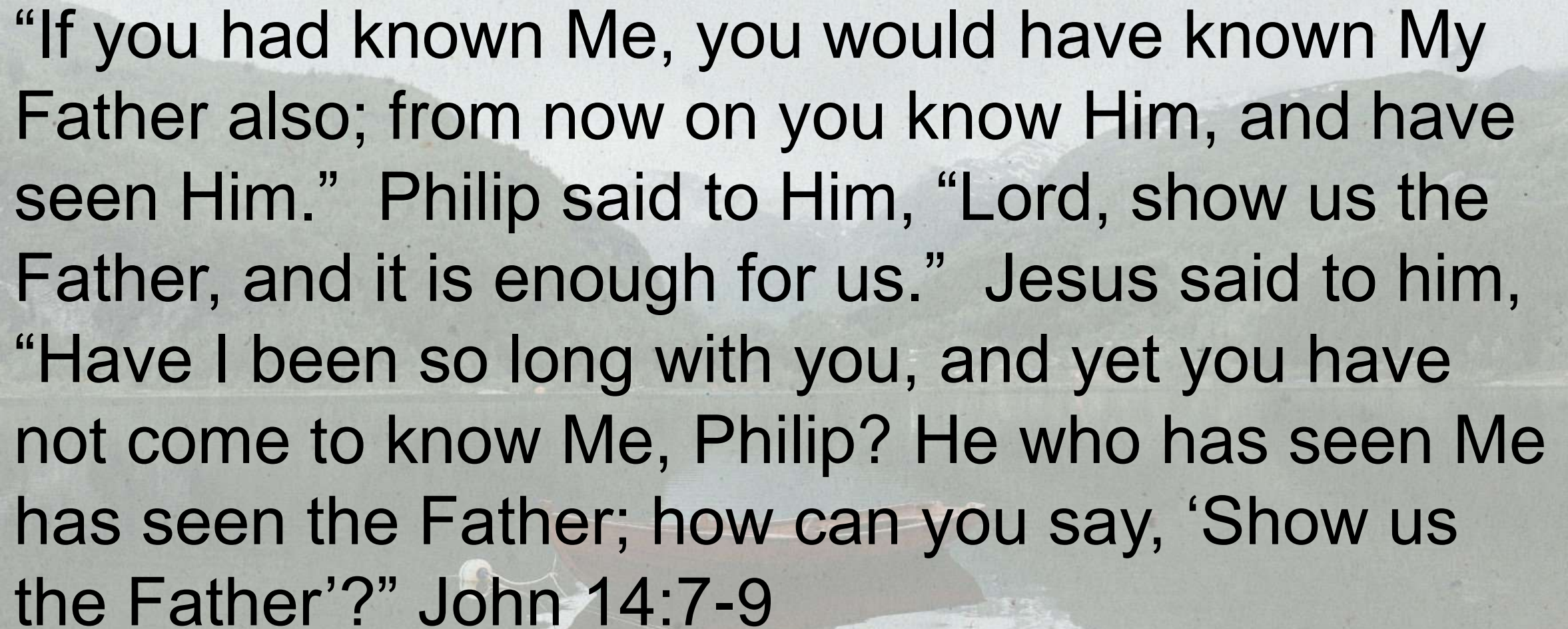
Jesus is the **way** — reconciliation

Jesus is the **truth** — illumination

Jesus is the **life** — regeneration

He embodies the way to God, the truth about God, and the life in God. – Holman New Testament Commentary



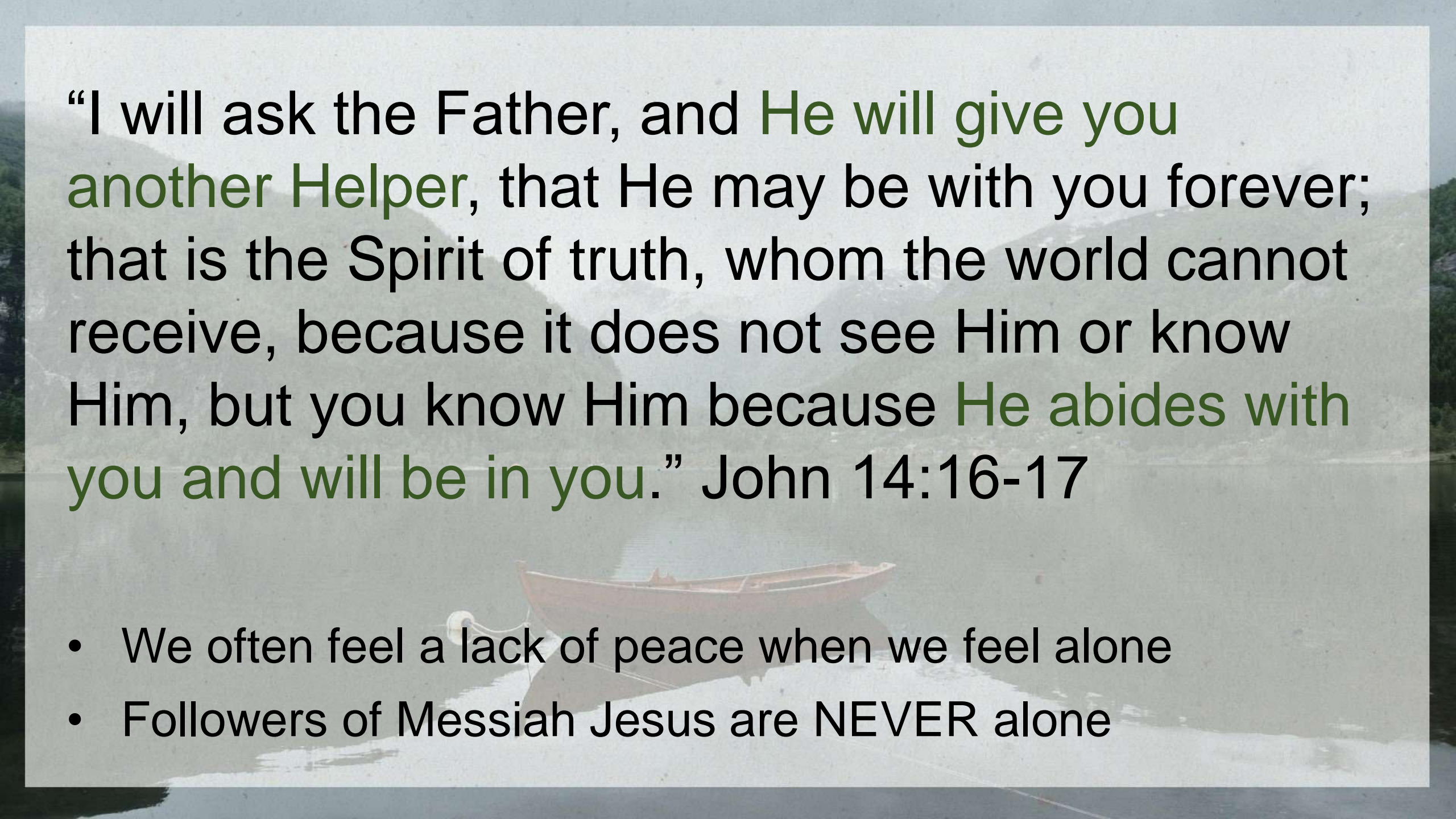
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“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.” Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?” John 14:7-9



“Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” John 14:10-15



A wooden boat is positioned in the center of a calm lake. The water is still, reflecting the boat and the surrounding landscape. In the background, there are rolling hills or mountains under a clear sky. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.” John 14:16-17

- We often feel a lack of peace when we feel alone
- Followers of Messiah Jesus are NEVER alone



“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?” John 14:18-22

**\*Who gets to learn the keys to peace?**

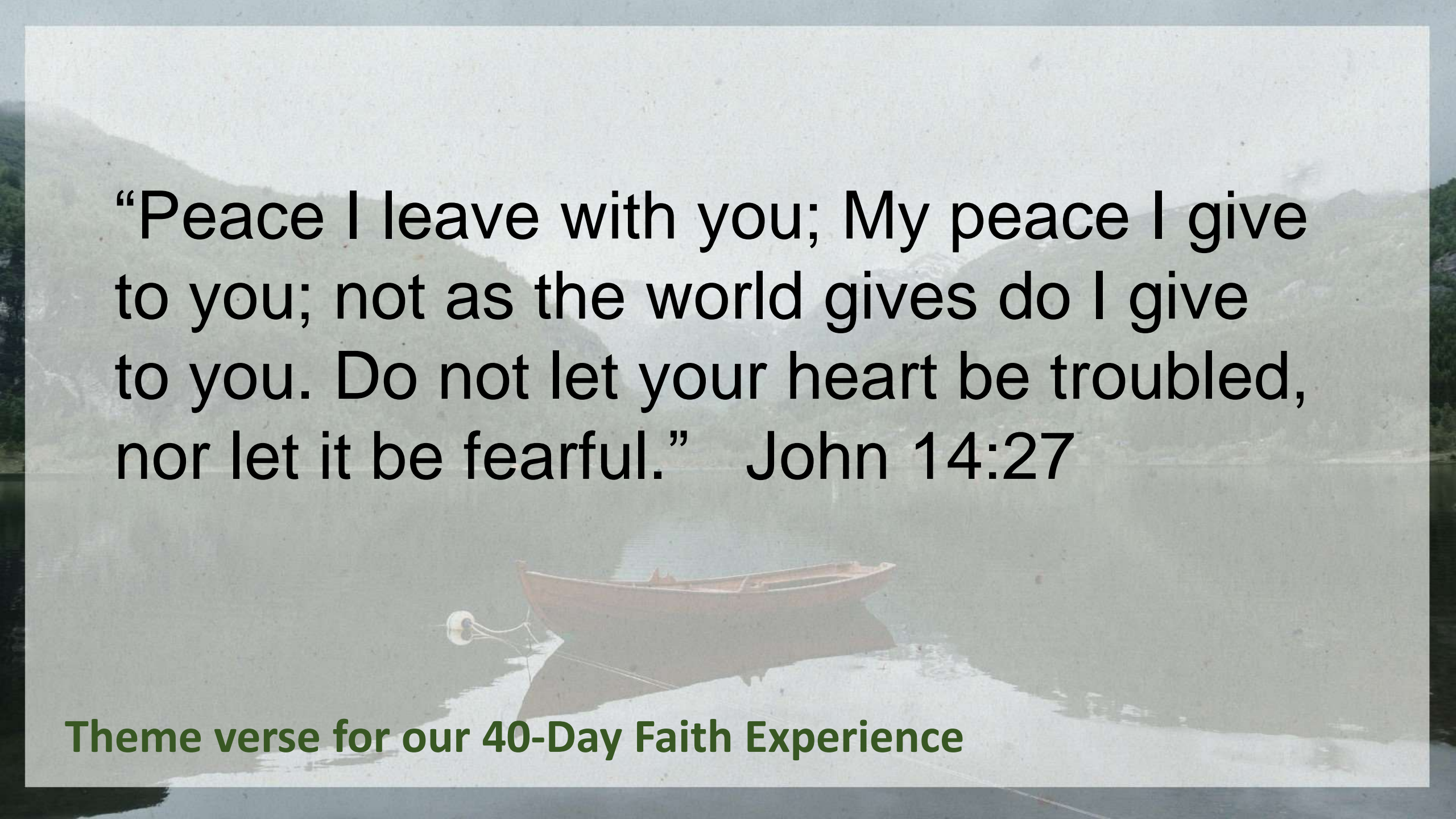


Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me. These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”

John 14:23-26

**\*If you need help finding peace, ask the Teacher**



A serene landscape featuring a calm body of water in the foreground. A small, simple wooden boat is moored near the shore, its reflection visible in the still water. The background consists of rolling hills or mountains shrouded in a light mist or fog, creating a peaceful and somewhat ethereal atmosphere. The overall color palette is muted, with soft greens, greys, and browns.

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.” John 14:27

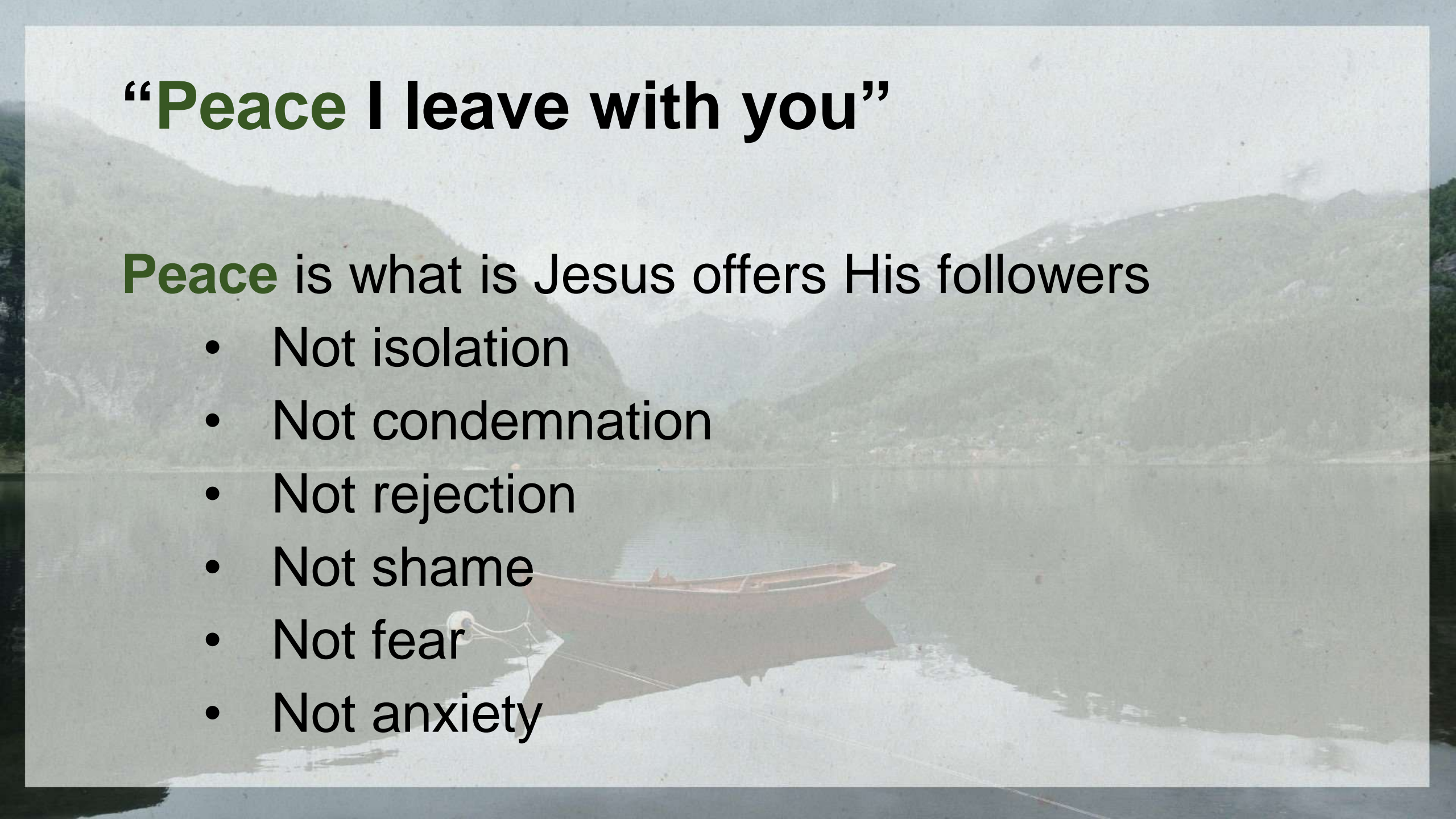
**Theme verse for our 40-Day Faith Experience**



# “Peace I leave with you”

**Peace** is what Jesus offers His followers

- Not isolation
- Not condemnation
- Not rejection
- Not shame
- Not fear
- Not anxiety





# “Peace I leave with you”

- Jesus will NOT be physically present with you
- You will NOT be alone
- You will NOT be forgotten
- You will NOT be helpless
- Jesus will prepare you for what is next



# “My peace”

- Only Jesus has this type of peace
- This peace is uniquely His, unlike any other
- Our peace should look like the peace He demonstrated while on earth
  - Jesus demonstrated peace when the people loved and worshiped Him
  - Jesus demonstrated peace when the people hated and rejected Him



# “I give to you”

- A gift can't be earned or bought or stolen
- A gift can't be found in another source
- The giver does not have to be convinced to give
- A gift shows the giver values the recipient

“For God so loved the world, that He **gave** His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16



# “I give to you”

- The recipients are Jesus’ disciples, His followers
- The giving is based on a previous connection
- There is a relationship component to the giving
- The giver knows the needs of the recipient
- The giver willingly gives because He loves



# “not as the world gives do I give to you”

- The world also tries to give its version of peace
- The enemy of God copies and perverts what God does
- We need to decline the peace offered by the world
- The peace of Jesus is a totally different kind of peace
- The peace of Jesus has a different source





**“not as the world gives do I give to you”**

- Do you need the gift of peace?
- Have you recognized the gift offered to you by Jesus?
- Have you accepted the gift offered to you?
- Are you looking for that gift from a DIFFERENT giver?



# “Do not let your heart be troubled”

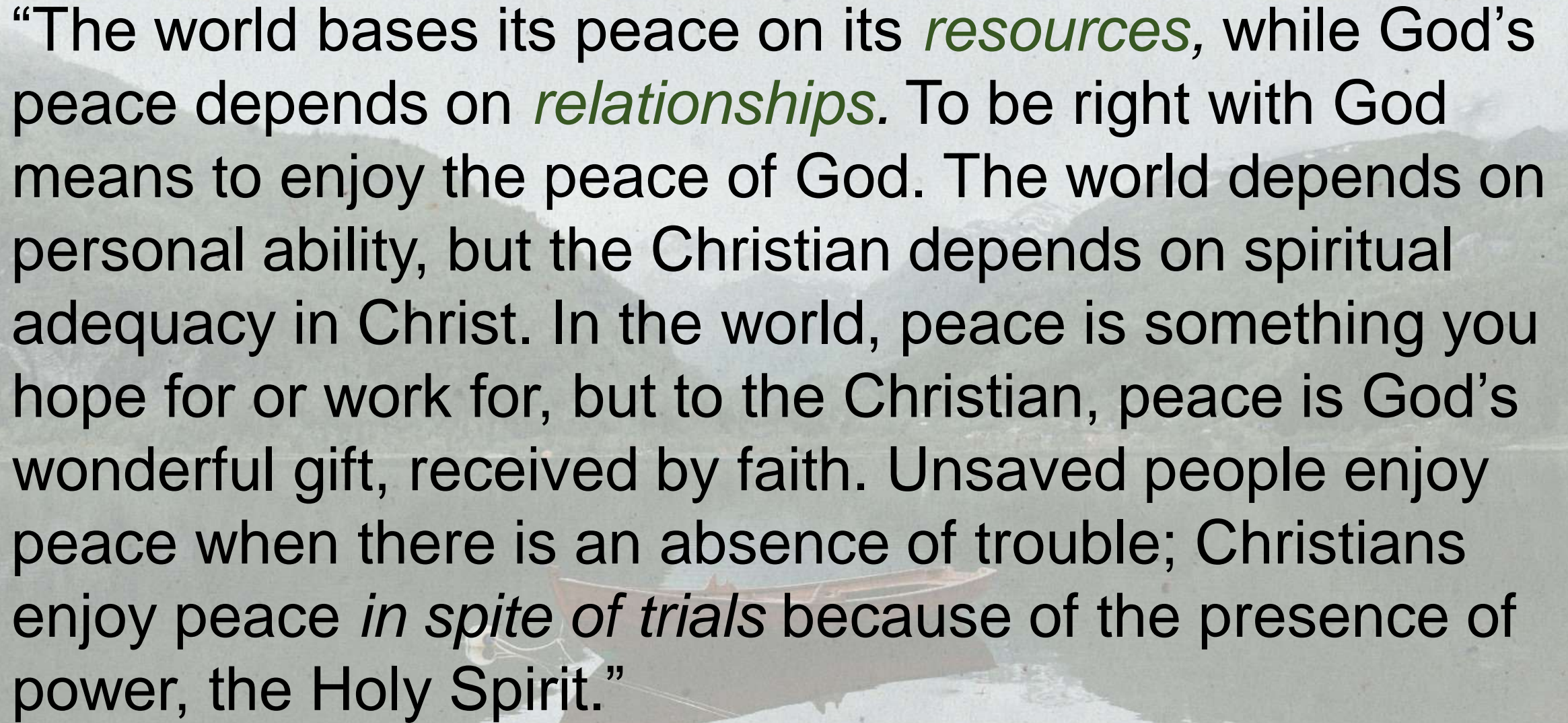
- Is your heart troubled?
- Are you looking for peace?
- What is robbing you of peace?
- Have you asked Jesus for peace?
- Have you given your life to the Prince of Peace?

**“nor let it be fearful”**

**Greek δειλιάω deiliao**

- Are you struggling with fear?
- Is fear crowding out your peace?
- Fear and peace are opposites... lacking vs. wholeness
- Fear results when I look for peace in places or people who cannot provide peace





“The world bases its peace on its *resources*, while God’s peace depends on *relationships*. To be right with God means to enjoy the peace of God. The world depends on personal ability, but the Christian depends on spiritual adequacy in Christ. In the world, peace is something you hope for or work for, but to the Christian, peace is God’s wonderful gift, received by faith. Unsaved people enjoy peace when there is an absence of trouble; Christians enjoy peace *in spite of trials* because of the presence of power, the Holy Spirit.”

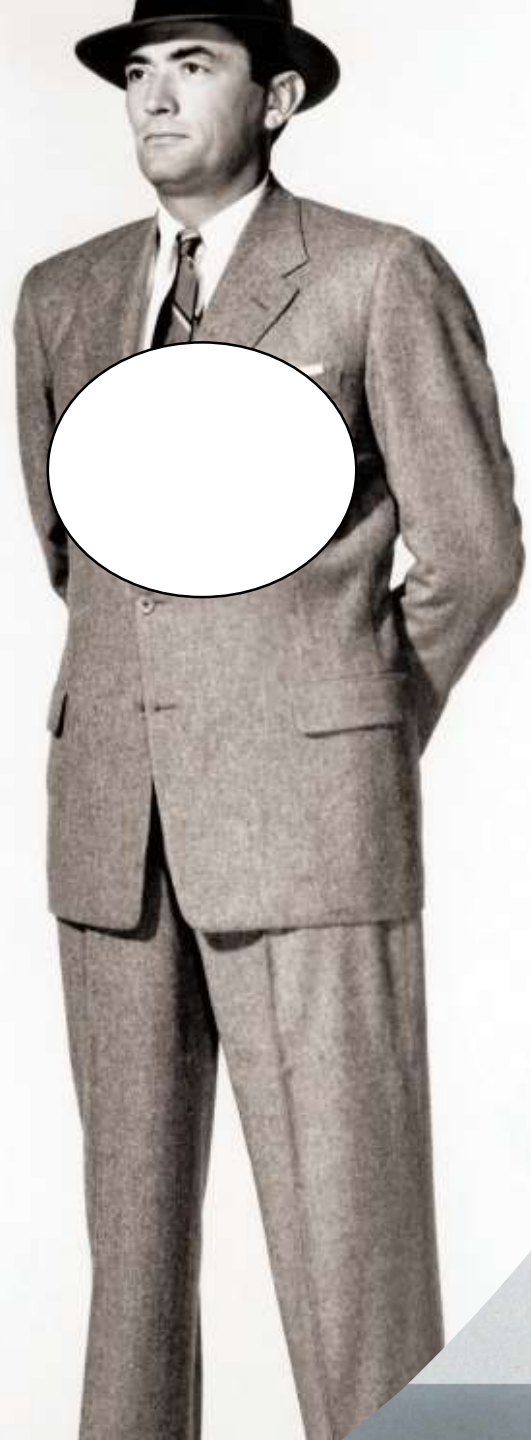
– Warren Wiersbe



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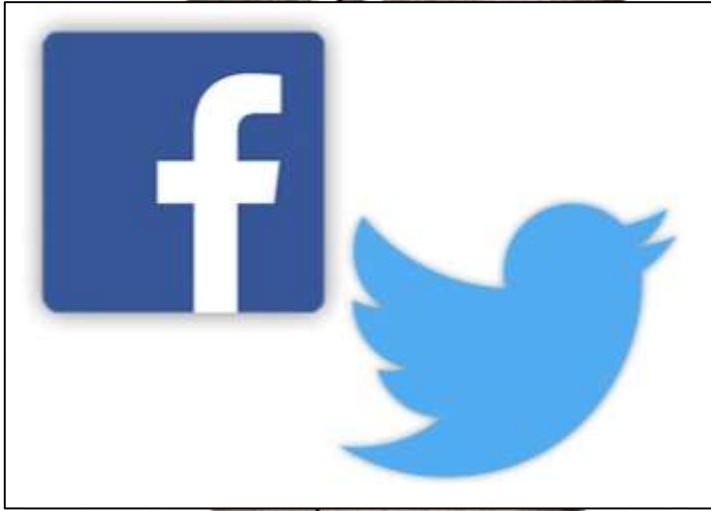
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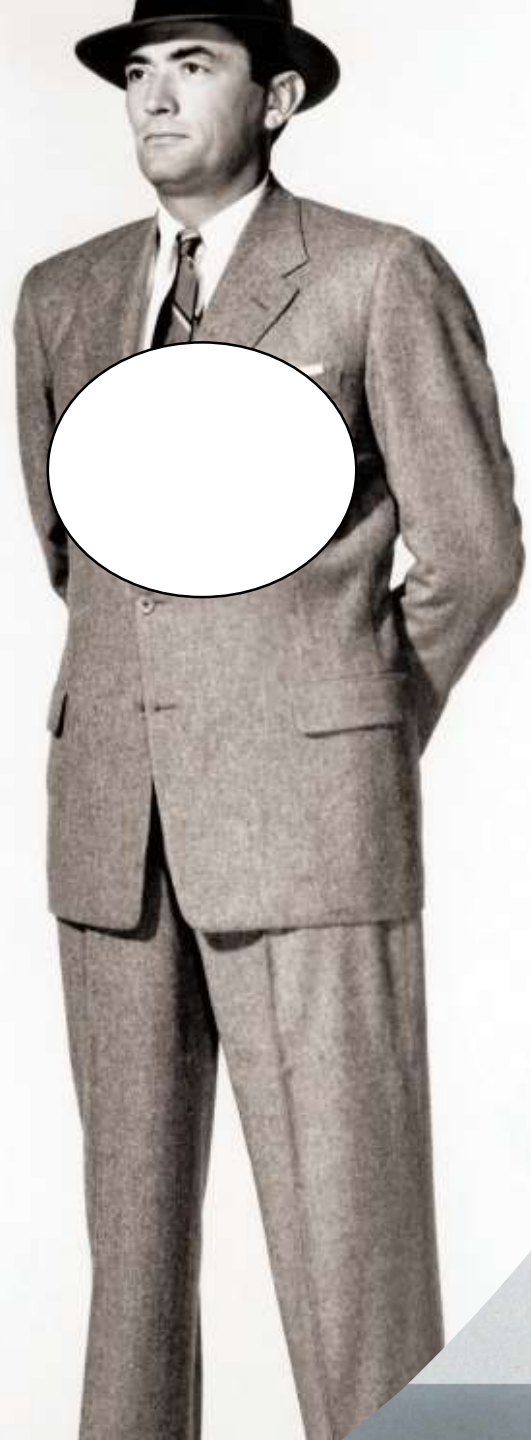
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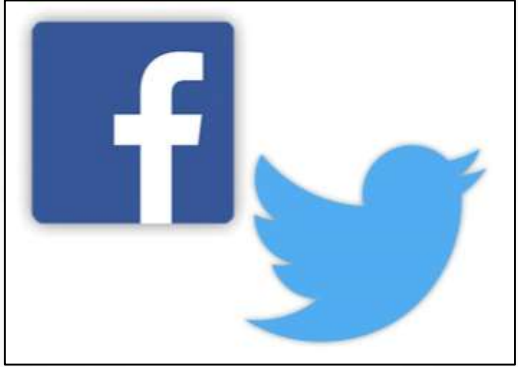
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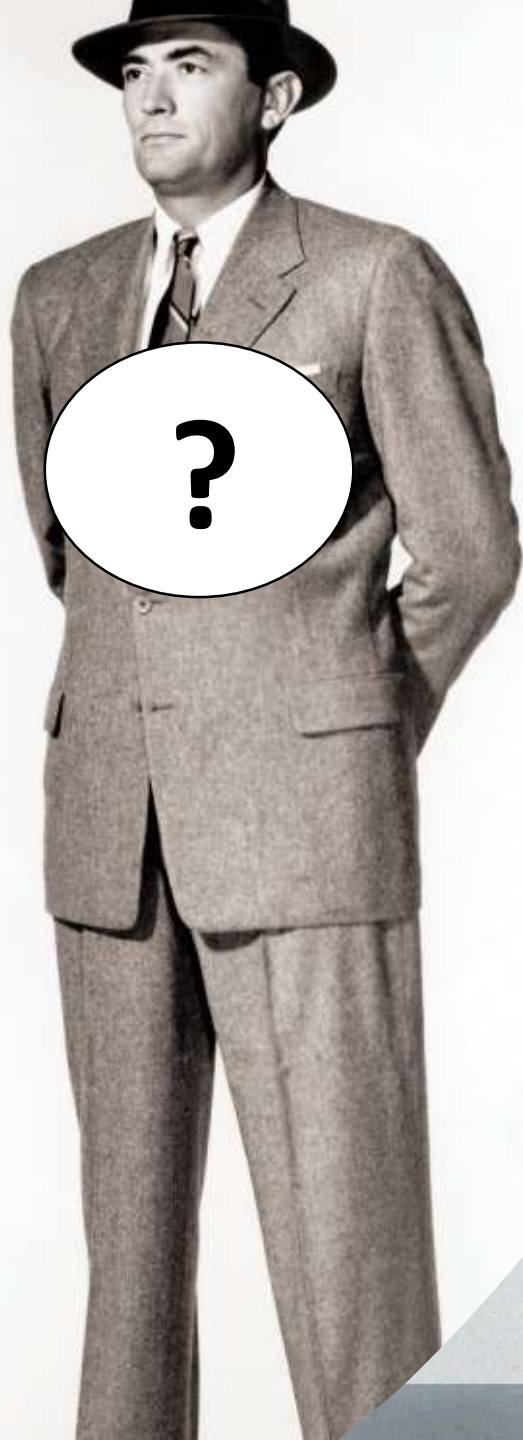
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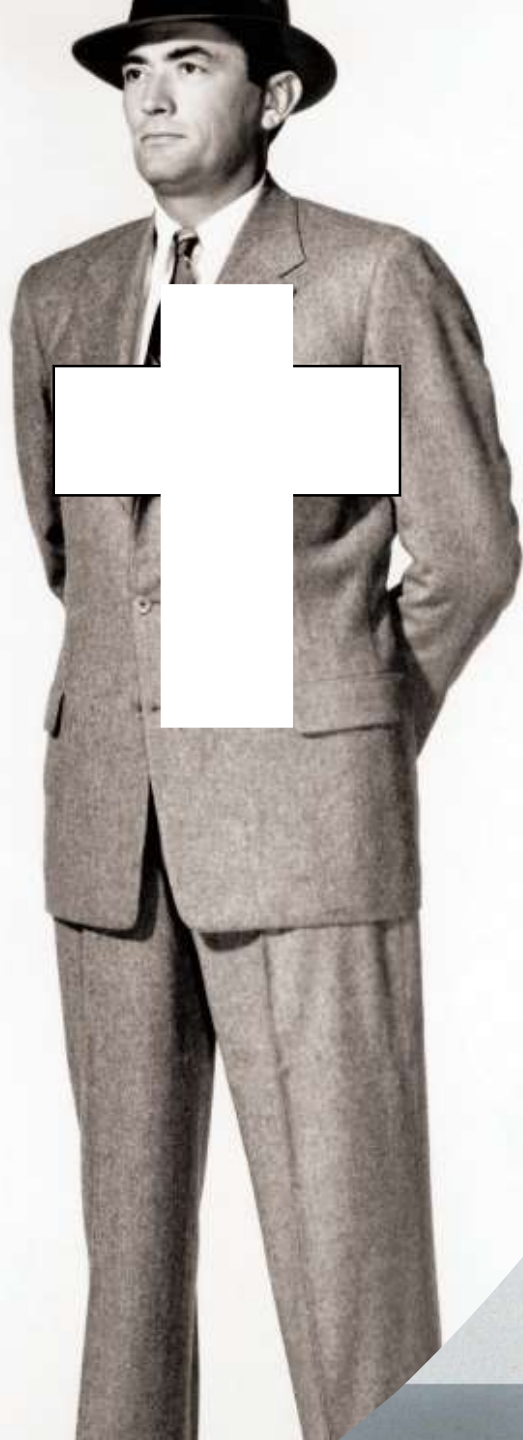
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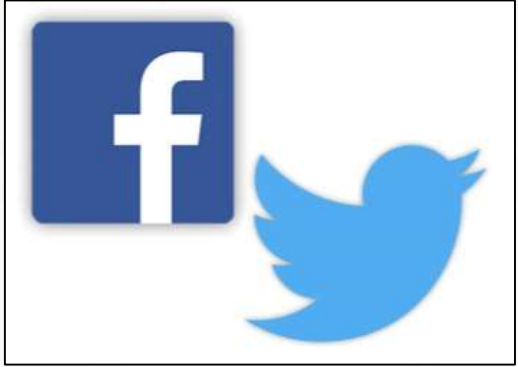
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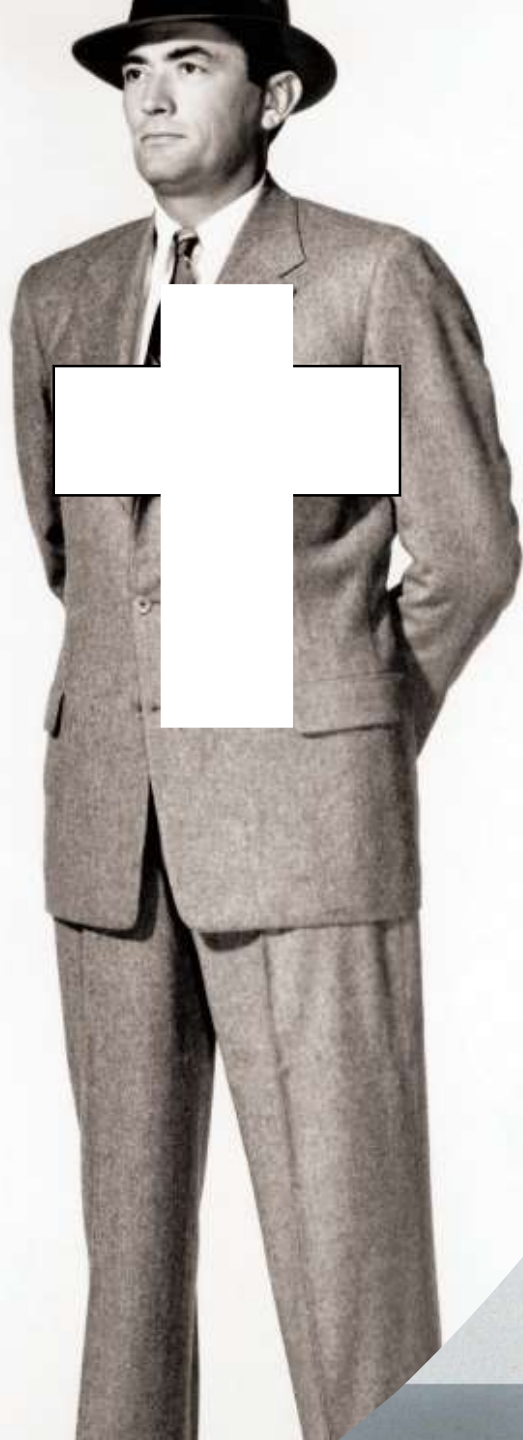
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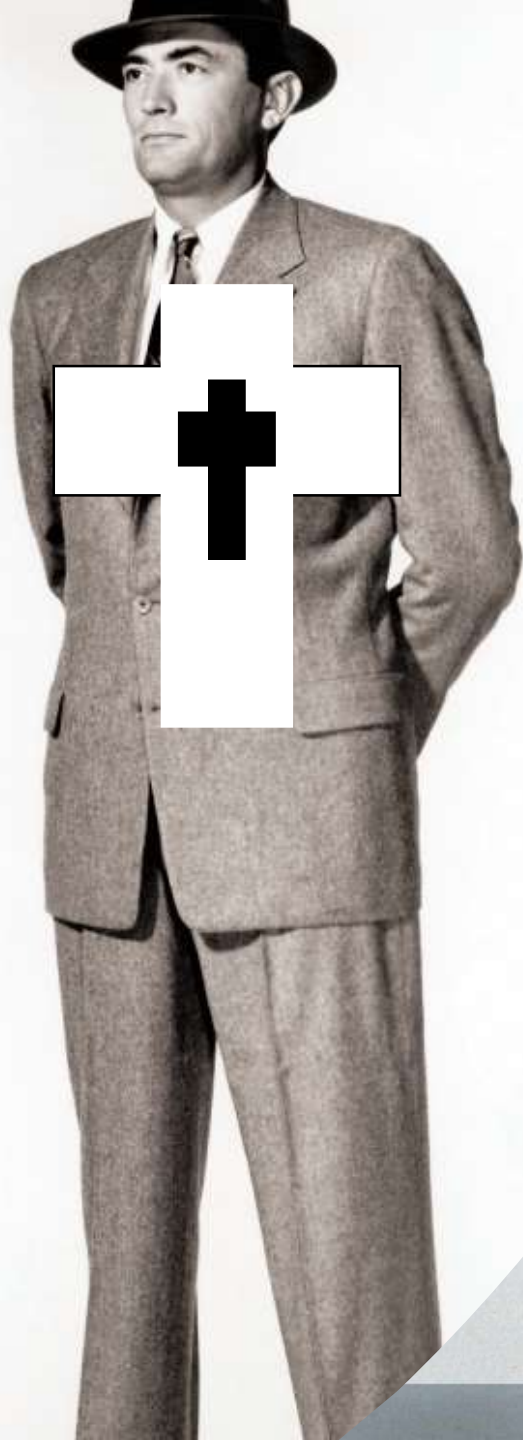
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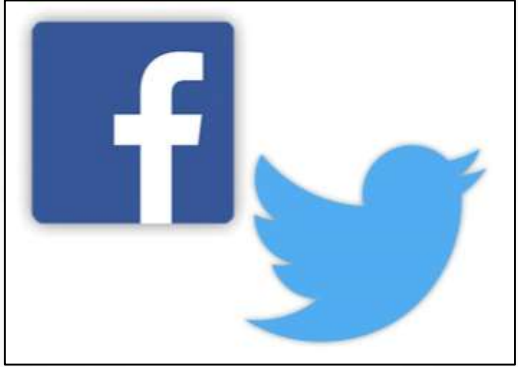
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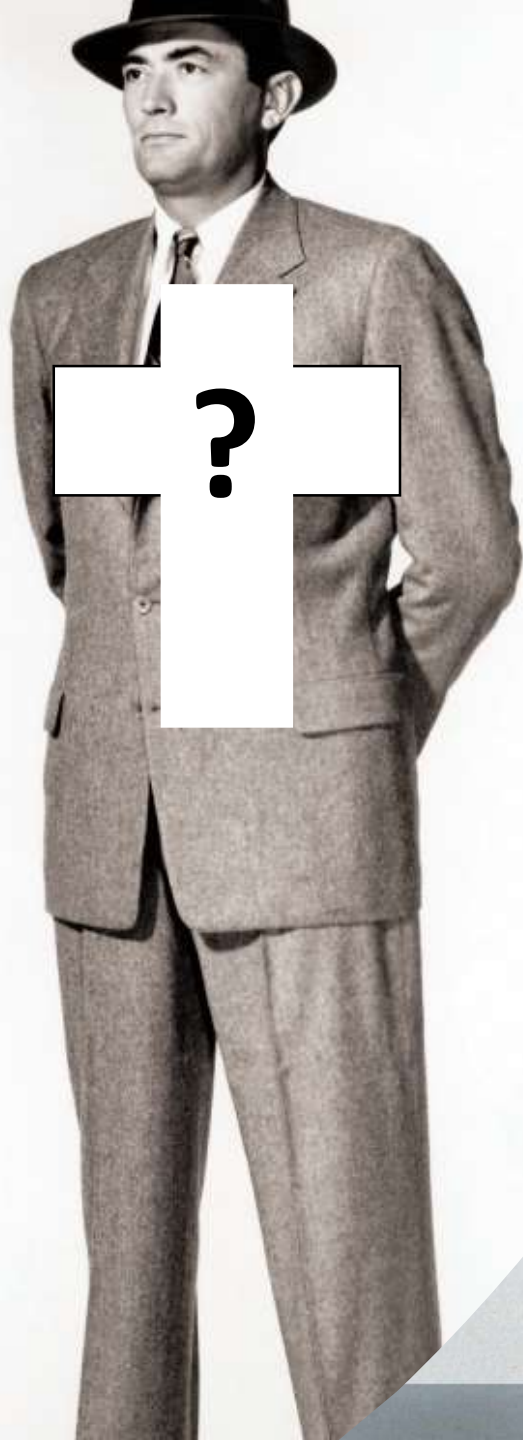
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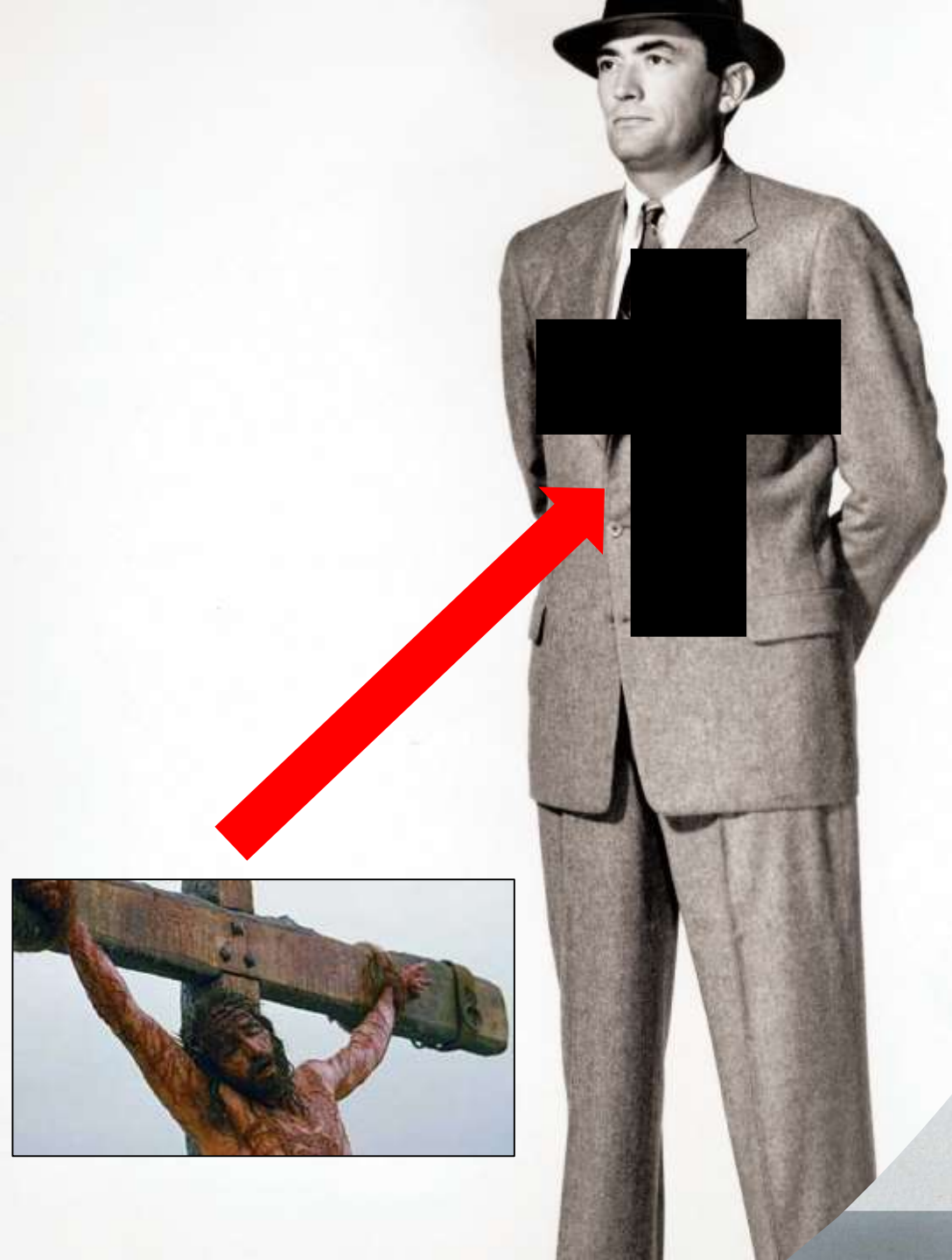
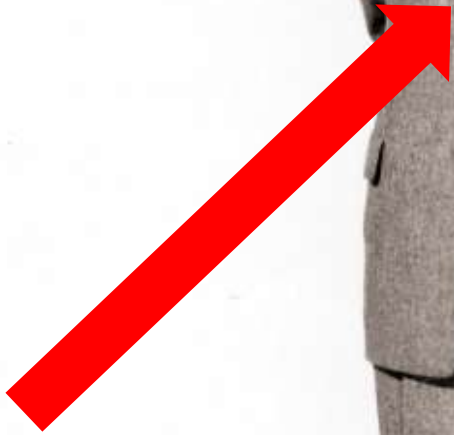


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# Where can I find this peace?

And the **peace** of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds **in Christ Jesus**. Philippians 4:7

It is a peace which has been put to the test. It is fundamentally different from the peace offered by the world. – New Bible Commentary

# Coming soon...

## Gifts for the followers of Messiah Jesus

**P**ower

**E**ndurance

**A**ccess

**C**ompassion

**E**ternity





# Join us this week

During our 40-Day Faith Experience,  
First Melissa asks that  
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- Praying and studying every day using the Daily Workbook
- Attending worship each Sunday
  - Attending a Small Group
- Attending Wednesday night service


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## **You can have the peace of Jesus...**

- when your circumstances change
- when God leads you somewhere unknown
- in the midst of loss
- in the midst of change
- when you don't have all that the world has to offer



# What is true peace?

## Peace is not a:

- Place (beach, mountains, lake)
- Purpose (career, goals, achievements)
- Possession (money, car, house, toys)
- Person (spouse, parent, child, friend)

**Peace is a Savior named Jesus**

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**Time to respond**