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sermon notes

TOGETHER

Part 2 - Peace: My Priority

“I have told you ALL of these things, so that you may have peace. In this world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33b

Discussion:

- Consider what are your personal priorities?
- How would your life be different if you made peace your priority in each of these areas?

Key: make all your decisions from a place of peace.

PEACE WITH GOD

God took the initiative in pursuing peace with us by sending His Son to earth. That's a lot of love!

Phillipians 4:7 and Romans 5:1,11 TPT

- Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6), and He is the One who gives us peace with God. That's why the message of salvation in Christ is called the "gospel of peace"
Ephesians 6:15
- Disappointments result from the unmet standards and high expectations you have placed on yourself and others

Discussion:

- Talk about and even imagine approaching God with absolute confidence, knowing you are fully accepted, approved and loved by Him.
Hebrews 4:16 (TPT)

PEACE WITH YOURSELF

Psalms 37:37

- It is important we take responsibility for our actions, and do not ignore the consequences of what we might have done, or not done. But it is also important that we do not get stuck in feelings of guilt and unworthiness.

Questions:

- Can you recognize the language of "the judge" in your life?
- What condemning words do you hear before you even begin your day?
- Will you fire that Judge?
- Decide how you will come into agreement with God's view and opinion of you. Jesus is the only one allowed to say who you really are!

PEACE WITH OTHERS

Proverbs 12:20

- People who are capable of getting along peacefully with others are those who have made peace their priority and have found peace with themselves.

Questions:

- Do you carry resentment towards any person?
- Do you recognize that you are continuing to give that person power to rob you from peace and joy?

PEACE WITH YOUR STORY

Psalm 90: 13-16 and Philippians 3:12-14

- Leaving our old life behind means refusing - literally refusing to let the enemy remind us of our mistakes, and remind us of our former misery. It's the perfect day to draw that line in the sand, and shout it from the housetops: I am forgiven, I am free, and God has promised me gladness in proportion to my former misery!

Meditation and Question:

- Close your eyes and take a bird's eye view of the life you have lived so far. As you recognize the highs and lows...imagine Jesus with you in the painful times. What were His words to you during these seasons?

PEACE WITH YOUR SEASON

Proverbs 2:33 tPt and Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

- Finding contentment and peace within the season you are in requires you to love only that which you can change. Setting your attention on what you cannot control will only result in discord and frustration. But choosing to "fix your thoughts" on who you choose to be will result in a transformed and peaceful heart even in the midst of a storm.

Questions:

- Describe the current season of your life.
- How can you prioritize peace right now, in a very practical way? Begin by being grateful.

Notes:



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