

Finding Peace

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Psalm 19:1–4 (NLT)

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. ² Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. ³ They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. ⁴ Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world.

“To look out at this kind of creation and not believe in God is to me, impossible.” – *John Glenn*

Psalm 8:3–4 (NLT)

When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers— the moon and the stars you set in place—
⁴ what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them?

John 20:19–21 (NLT)

That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. ²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! ²¹ Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”

John 14:27 (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.

WAYS WE MIGHT LOOK FOR ARTIFICIAL PEACE

- Comfort & Escape
- Avoiding our problems
- Approval of Others
- Control

Isaiah 26:3–4 (NLT)

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! ⁴ Trust in the LORD always, for the LORD GOD is the eternal Rock.

Matthew 14:25–33 (NLT)

About three o’clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, “It’s a ghost!” ²⁷ But Jesus spoke to them at once. “Don’t be afraid,” he said. “Take courage. I am here!” ²⁸ Then Peter called to him, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.” ²⁹ “Yes, come,” Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted. ³¹ Jesus immediately

reached out and grabbed him. “You have so little faith,” Jesus said. “Why did you doubt me?”³² When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped.³³ Then the disciples worshiped him. “You really are the Son of God!” they exclaimed.

Philippians 4:6–7 (NLT)

Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.⁷ Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

John 16:33 (NLT)

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

2 Thessalonians 3:16 (NLT)

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all.

Jeremiah 17:7–8 (NLT)

“But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence.⁸ They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.