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Supernatural Peace

Life happens! Can any explanation be more complete than that? Bills come due; children get sick; laundry accumulates and jobs are strenuous. And if that isn't enough – yesterday the car had a flat tire; your new shirt was stained (How did that happen?); and your son's teacher asked for a conference. Then after you worked diligently as the family accountant, nurse, laundress, and teaching assistant, you threw yourself into bed far past bedtime with your heart pounding and your mind racing. Where is peace?

The Word of God speaks often about peace. In fact, in the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah heralds *perfect peace*. In the New Testament, the apostle Paul introduces *peace beyond understanding*. It isn't trite to say that perfect peace would be beyond our understanding. But what does that mean?

Perfect peace is peace that defies reason. In times of stress, it envelopes circumstances, supersedes worry, and renders fear ineffective. It invades our life until we wonder "why" we are not

shattered by our dilemma. If our friends accuse us of not facing reality, we walk away with a shrug of the shoulders, thinking, "Oh, well." Perfect peace – peace beyond understanding – is ruling our heart.

Before Jesus' death, He counseled his disciples saying, "Let not your heart be troubled."¹ He recognized their fear and confusion over His words, "Where I am going, you cannot come," and gave them the key to peace.² He told them, "Have faith in God and have faith in

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me."³ Centuries earlier, the prophet Isaiah also said that those who trust God could have peace.⁴ The foundation of this trust was dependence on God – a commitment firmly established by minds that were focused on Him.

Jesus promised His disciples supernatural peace, HIS peace.⁵ His peace is not like the world's peace. The peace that is in the world depends on circumstances that appease the

physical senses. When we LOOK at our checkbook, it must record a generous balance. At work, we need to HEAR gracious accolades about our latest project. Every morning our physical body must FEEL rested. Then, if things look immaculate, feel perfect, and sound flawless, we have peace.

But, oh, how temporary this can be! Our body can abruptly react to excess pressure. Our finances can plummet because of unexpected expenses. The project at work that neared perfection may suddenly go awry. If these things were the source of our peace, we are quickly miserable.

If our trust is in God, these dilemmas do not worry us. In every circumstance, we pray! Then the peace of God - HIS peace - guards our hearts and our minds because we are certain our great and mighty God answers prayer. Boldly, we approach His throne to ask for help and without question, he extends grace and mercy.⁶ So, there is no reason to worry.

The Word of God counsels us to cast every care and worry upon God.⁷ His loving care for us is much more than concern and a sympathetic response. He is the "caretaker" who orchestrates our victory. When we hire a lawn service, we want more than a complete report on the condition of our yard. It isn't that we simply need to know what is happening. We want work to be done.

When we cast every care on Jesus, He is working. The word "cast" is very important. It means He carries the load; He bears the burden; and we are free. What a relief! Our Father, who created the world, is in charge. He not only KNOWS all things, but He can DO all things. With God, all things are possible.⁸

When we hire a workman, SOME things are possible. SOME things are reasonable and cost-effective, but not everything. After all, when we depend on man, we are dependent on human effort and skill. But, oh, the glory that shines on our path when the King of Kings and the Lord of

Lords works mightily on our behalf. With the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – in our corner, we can raise heaven's banner and across its breeze-blown furls are the words, "Victory, Victory, Victory,"

This is why instead of worry we have peace. We have His incomprehensible, supernatural peace that is born of trust. It is God-given, just as He promised. What a wonderful Father! His peace is mine!

¹Jn 14:1,27 ²Jn 13:36 ³Jn 14:1 CEV ⁴Is 26:3 ⁵Jn 14:27 ⁶Heb 4:16 ⁷1Pe 5:7 ⁸Mt 19:26; Mk 9:23; Mk 10:27

Worry is fear of the unknown

Fear of the possible

Fear of the imagined and improbable.

Worry is fear of desertion

Fear of separation

Fear of isolation and loneliness

Worry is fear of failure

Fear of pressure

Fear of ridicule and embarrassment

Worry is fear of interference

Fear of entrapment

Fear of loss and insufficiency

Worry is defeat!

It is a book with no ending

A note with no signature

A guide with no map

A man with no job

A car with no gas

Why worry when you can pray!