



PEACE, BE STILL!!!

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Mark 4:38 (KJV)

And he was in the stern, asleep on a pillow: and they awoke him, and said to to him, Master, do you not care that we are perishing?

How many times have you asked God, especially in this season, like the disciples - Master, don't you care?

Master, don't you care that my heart is broken?

Don't you care that I am afraid?

Don't you care that I am alone? Don't you care that I've failed again? Don't you care that I've lost my job? Don't you care that my semester is paused? Don't you care that I am running out of money?

Don't you care that at the rate things are going, my children will go hungry?

Satan lives for moments of doubt. The Bible literally says in 1 Peter 5:8 that the devil prowls like a lion, seeking for someone to destroy. Every single time that you have screamed with doubt, frustration, fear, panic -

"Master, don't you care...?"

Satan jumps at it and taunts back - "the Master is asleep."

But is He? Jesus was fully aware of the storm and fully commanding of the waves 2000 years ago - and even today, nothing has changed.

A few verses after the disciples cried that he was asleep, in Mark 4:39, He arose and said to the sea "Peace be still!" The Master will always come through. He will always arise when you call on Him in prayer. He will always speak over troubled waters. The question is, will you hear him through the roars of the storm?

Psalm 85:8 *"I listen carefully to what God, the LORD is saying, for he speaks peace to his faithful people..."*

Many believers are confused as to how God speaks. The Psalmist, in this text says that he listens carefully to what God says because He speaks peace! In other words, one of the languages that God speaks is peace.

If you have come to know Christ, and you have surrendered your heart to Him, you would know what 'inner peace' means. 'PEACE' is God's language. The Bible tells us that it is one of the components of the Kingdom of God. There are 3 main components, including: righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

The covenant of peace is one of the covenants mentioned in the Bible – the assurance that nothing is missing, nothing is broken, and that no matter what situation you are in, God will be glorified through it.

In storms of life and waves of uncertainty and worry, we can choose to ask, Master don't you care --- And side with our feelings of fear and anxiety, or we can trust that because He is in the boat with you, the storm may rage with all its might, but it cannot topple you, and rest in His Peace. When you choose to be still and unruffled in His peace, you are siding with His Word concerning storms of life.

Choose to side with God about your situation. Choose to side with God today. Choose to side with Him every single day.

Here are practical ways to side with God:

1. Know who He is. Your intimacy with Him is sacred. The more troubled you are, the more you need to seek Him, not the other way round. Do not be too busy worrying and whining – be too busy praying!
2. Know what He has said about that situation. You will know what He has said as you interact with His Word from scripture, the promises He has made you in the past, and His words of prophecy to you.
3. Accept His peace. Don't for any reason let any storm of life disturb your inner peace. Make a decision not to be anxious and worried. Repeat it to yourself out loud. I have perfect peace today. I am kept in perfect peace. I will be at peace and know that He is God.
4. Live and will according to His good purpose.

Philippians 4:6-7: *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to*

God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

So you see, as you approach God with thanksgiving, prayer and supplication, and as you apply these principles, one of the major ways God will respond to you is the language of peace.

Beloved, as you daily seek the face of God for directions, and as you make your requests, beseeching heaven for your daily needs, watch out for the nudging of peace.

As you go about your day today, put your mind on Him, and rest in His perfect peace by trusting Him fully. When we trust in God, and we are in His will. We have perfect peace. The Master is King over the storm. Peace, be still.

PRAYER Father, please help us to be more sensitive to your voice and to the leadings of your Spirit as you speak to us through inner peace. We know you are Master over Storms, Jesus. May we trust you always. In Jesus' Name.

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