

Known: Jehovah Shalom: God Our Peace

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When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all His wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian." The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" "Pardon me, my Lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive." Gideon replied, "If now I have found favour in Your eyes, give me a sign that it is really You talking to me." But the Lord said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord Is Peace.

Judges 6:12-17, 23-24 NIV

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:5-6 NIV

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

Isaiah 26:3 ESV

I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

John 16:33 NIV

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What is your number 1 enemy of internal peace?
2. Practically speaking, what does a mindset shift look like for you? In other words, how can you more consistently “set your mind on the things of the Spirit” (Romans 8:5)?