



Transcendent Peace

- Circle Time: Pastor Dave admitted in his message that he doesn't always feel God's peace in daily life. Can you relate to that?
 - What are some things in your life that seem to disrupt peace most often?
 - Is there anyone that you know that seems like they are ALWAYS at peace?
 - Is peace or turmoil more normal in our lives? Why?
- Read Philippians 4:7
 - What is peace that comes from understanding? (More money = more peace... more dependable car = more peace... better behaved kids = more peace)
 - Peace that comes from understanding is a worldly perspective. Is peace that comes from understanding a lasting peace?
 - Read John 16:33 and John 14:27. How do these scriptures speak to the concept of peace that surpasses understanding vs. peace that comes from understanding.
 - In his teaching, Pastor Dave shared moments when God's peace showed up (work, finances, family health). Have you ever experienced God's peace in a way that surprised you, even if the circumstances didn't change?
- As a group, recount what you remember about the story of Jacob and Esau. Use google or chat gpt to help create the timeline.
 - The story of Jacob and Esau highlights favoritism and control as "peace-stealers). Where do you see those same patterns (favoritism, manipulation, or control) in today's families, workplaces, or even churches?
 - Rebekah tried to "help God out" instead of trusting His promise. Why do you think it's so tempting for us to take control rather than wait on God?
- Read Galatians 5:16 and 5:22
 - The "seed of peace" is planted in us through the Spirit. What are some daily practices or rhythms that can help that seed grow in your life?
 - Read Colossians 3:15—In your own words, what is the difference between asking for peace in your life and letting the peace of Christ "rule" your life?
- Looking at your life, where do you most need to trust God for results instead of forcing control?