

VINEYARD church

PRAYER & FASTING

DAY 10

Scripture Focus

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

- Thessalonians 3:16

The Hurriquake

When my family was living in California last year, we experienced a rare West Coast hurricane that had people preparing and scrambling in the days leading up to it. On the rainiest and windiest day of the hurricane, we felt shaking in our apartment and my husband and I looked at each other at the same time and said, "are we having an earthquake?!" It was an earthquake in a hurricane. It was endearingly dubbed the "hurriquake" of 2023.

As that week went on, I was reflecting on those seasons of our lives when everything feels like it's falling apart, when all the hard things are colliding at the same time, when we already feel like we're in a hurricane and then an earthquake hits. How do we welcome God's presence in those moments?

At All Times & in Every Situation

What does it look like to welcome the presence of God, the Lord of peace, into our lives at all times and in every situation? Even when we're in a hurriquake? When our day isn't going like we thought it would? When one more piece of bad news comes our way?

But what if we really believed that we have access to the Lord of peace at all times and in every situation? In what situation in your life do you need to invite God's presence into today? Bring that to him. He hears you. He is with you. He offers you peace.

I memorized this short verse and use it often as a prayer in my own life. In a moment of stress, grief, chaos, or frustration, I utter to God, "I have your peace at all times and in every situation." If you're up for it, I invite you to memorize this verse this week with me, and I pray that God brings these words to your mind when you need them.

Prayer

Father God, I long to meet with You—personally, communally, beautifully, and powerfully. I desire to spend every moment in Your presence. Meet me here and now, Lord, and transform me through this time with You. Let Your light shine through me, that I may be a light in this world. We need You now, Father. We need You here. I pray this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

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