

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Peace In the Midst of Chaos August 29, 2023 Suzi Armstrong

### Romans 15.13 TPT

<sup>13</sup> Now may God, the inspiration and fountain of hope, **fill you to overflowing with uncontainable joy and perfect peace as you trust in him.** And may the power of Holy Spirit continually surround your life with his super-abundance until you radiate with hope!

- One of the meanings of the Greek word for peace means calm in the midst of chaos.
- Chaos is one of the strategies and a weapon being used by the powers of darkness.
  - Chaos is on the roads.
  - Chaos is in the weather patterns.
  - Chaos is government.
  - Chaos surrounding identity.
- When chaos is weaponized it is used to wear you down, divide, and confuse.
- Chaos inhibits the expression of our true nature of who we are in Christ.
- God give us peace that passes natural understanding and brings us stability and clarity.
- The **peace of God** neutralizes the impacts of chaos.

We have the weapon of peace in the midst of chaos. Peace is part of a sound mind. The Bible says that God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. We were not made to worry or be stressed or anxious. God made us to trust Him with all of our heart. Trusting God facilitates peace. Jesus says to cast all our cares upon Him – we are not made to carry the burden of stress and chaos. At our core we were designed to carry the peace of God. Strong absolute peace comes from a good father. Our good Father puts His peace in us. Jesus told His disciples, My peace I leave with you, My peace I give you – do not let your hearts be troubled. We are troubled when we do not have the peace of God prevailing in our hearts.

### Isaiah 26.3-4 NIV

<sup>3</sup> You will **keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast,** because they trust in you.

<sup>4</sup> **Trust in the Lord forever,** for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.

### Romans 15.13 NIV

<sup>13</sup> **May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,** so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### 2 Thessalonians 3.16 TPT

<sup>16</sup> **Now, may the Lord himself, the Lord of peace, pour into you his peace in every circumstance and in every possible way.** The Lord's tangible presence be with you all.

### John 16.33 NIV

<sup>33</sup> "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.**"

**Romans 16.20** NIV

<sup>20</sup> **The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.**

**Psalms 46.10** NIV

<sup>10</sup> He says, **“Be still, and know that I am God;**

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth.”

**Romans 8.6** NIV

<sup>6</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is death, but **the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.**

**Romans 14.17** NIV

<sup>17</sup> For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of **righteousness, peace and joy** in the Holy Spirit.

- When Jesus said “peace” to the wind and waves in the storm, this usage of the word peace means involuntary stillness, an inability to speak or muteness.
- There is a part of peace that silences the enemy to your ears and to your heart. Then all of the disruption has no negative impact upon you.
- This peace is not based on our circumstances or our own understanding. This peace is based on His promise to us – peace in the midst of the storm.

**Philippians 4.7** NIV

<sup>7</sup> **And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

**Jeremiah 29.7** NIV

<sup>7</sup> Also, **seek the peace and prosperity of the city** to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because **if it prospers, you too will prosper.**

- We have seen chaos break out in multiple cities and even in nations in the recent past – this is the work of satan.

**PRAYER AND DECLARATION:**

We decree that satan’s ability to devour and destroy our city and nation will no longer be successful. We speak to his door of access and command it to close! We declare our faith in the mercy and blood of Jesus – that God has heard the repentance offered up by many believers on behalf of the sin of our city and nation and is healing our land. We decree that people in government and business will no longer feed our city and our nation to the dragon through sins, compromise, and unholy alliances. We decree that evil will be exposed, their funds dry up and their influence will end. We close the door to their control in the mighty name of Jesus!

**We seek peace and prosperity for Detroit. We decree Detroit will submit to God, resist the devil and the devil must flee from our land.**