

***Theme for 2018***

**WE ARE THE ARMY OF GOD &  
WE ARE ARMED AND DANGEROUS!**

*“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)*



***This Week’s Thought – November 11, 2018***

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*“You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the LORD always, for the LORD GOD is the eternal Rock.” Isaiah 26:3-4 (NLT)*

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Peace and trust are best friends. Normally we do not see one without the other. Where peace resides, trust is close by, and where trust abounds, there is peace. Their goal is to stamp out fear and doubt.

Our mind can either cause us to well up with courage because our focus is on God; or our mind can cause us to wilt in the face of adversity because our focus is on our circumstances. Peace melts away in the heat of distrust, and trust shudders in the face of fear; so, as we trust the Lord, He gives us peace that passes all understanding. **Trust leads to peace!**

*“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7)*

So, fill your mind with the Truth of God, and let it lodge in your conscience. Truth releases peace and trust when you are pressured. Your mind is a school for study; so, if you are preoccupied with the faulty teachers of fear and pride, you will wallow in the energy of worry. What you think about Christ’s capabilities determines your level of peace and trust.

Your thoughts, perceptions, emotions, will, memory, and imagination are all wrapped up in your human consciousness called the mind. This is why your mind is like the rudder of your life.

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Wherever your mind takes you, your behavior will follow. *“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...”* (Proverbs 23:7); therefore, keep your perspective on the horizon of heaven. Like a ship surging through the open sea, you have the wind of the Holy Spirit moving you forward, with the compass of truth leading you toward the ultimate destination of God’s will.

Make peace and trust a staple of your spiritual diet, as they nourish your soul like food and water invigorates your body. Like a security detail, they will escort you through good and bad times. They will protect you from lashing out in anger when you have been deeply hurt. A steadfast mind is one that stays focused on Jesus and His expectations.

Cultivate your brain for more creative ways to apply His peace and trust. Do not analyze God out of the equation; rather, draw Him into your conclusions. A peaceful trust comes from our perfect God! Jesus said, *“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)

**Application:** How do you embrace the peace of Jesus daily? Does your thinking default to peace and trust? Tell the LORD GOD, that you need His peace in your current storm, and ask Him to please calm your fears and replace them with faith in Him, in Jesus’ name.

**Words from the Master during your time of reflection this week:** *“I am the God of All Time and all That Is! Seek Me consistently throughout your day. Do not let unexpected problems distract you from My Presence. Instead, talk with Me about everything, and watch confidently to see what I will do. Adversity need not interrupt your communion with Me. Make Me your Refuge by pouring out your heart to Me, trusting in Me at all times.”* (Psalm 105:3; Psalm 55:17; Psalm 32:6; Psalm 62:8)

*“And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what’s coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn’t lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It’s on its way. It will come right on time.”* Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King