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DAY 1



Love

We are made to love and to be loved.
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)



Hope

Wise Men looked for Jesus.
Wise people still do!

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. (Romans 15:13)

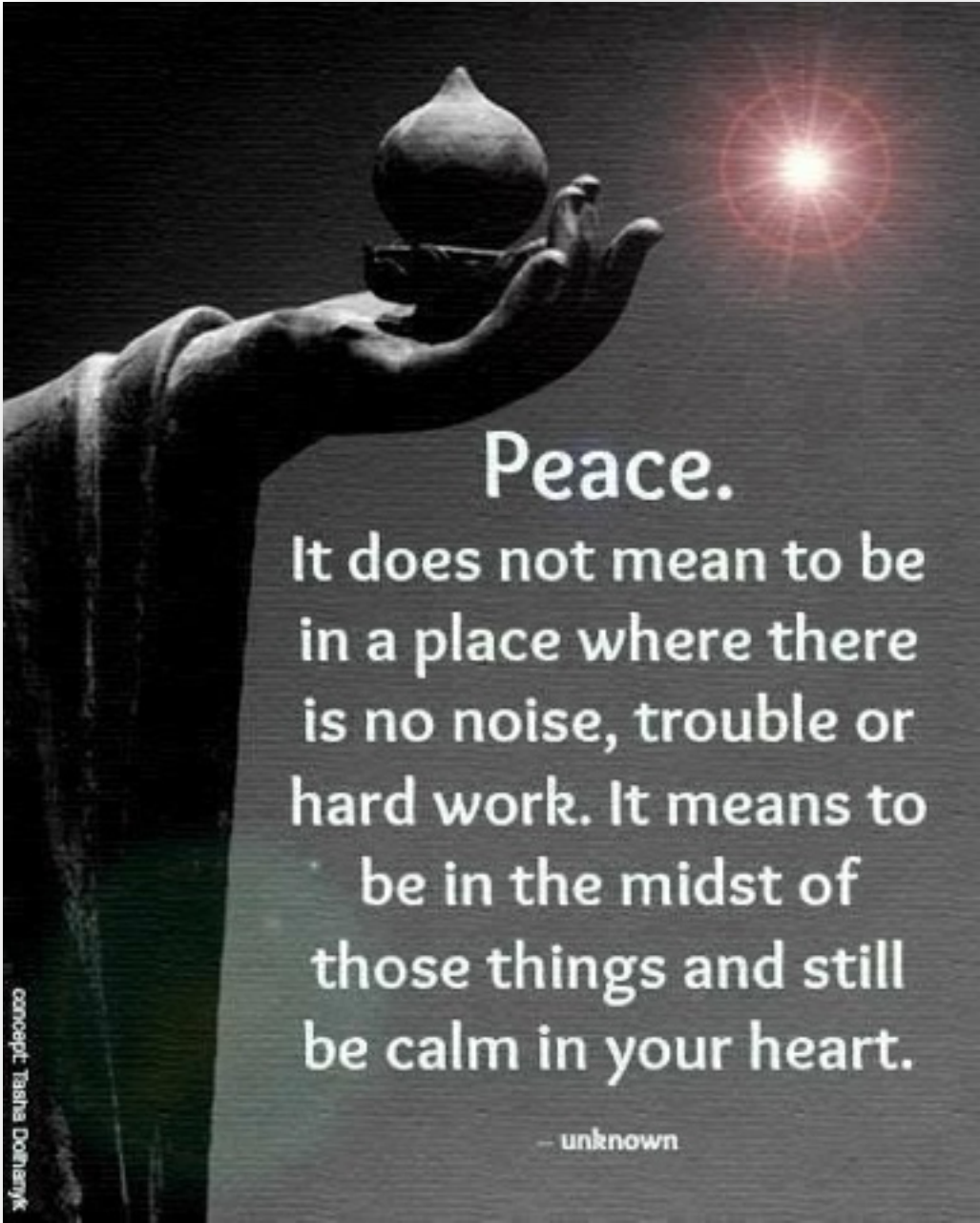
Joy

A sense of well-being from the presence of God in our lives

...the joy of the Lord is your strength. Nehemiah 8:1

Peace



A black and white photograph of a statue's hand holding a lotus flower. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, reaching towards the center. The lotus flower is held gently in the palm. In the upper right corner, there is a bright, glowing light source, possibly the sun or moon, creating a lens flare effect. The background is dark and textured.

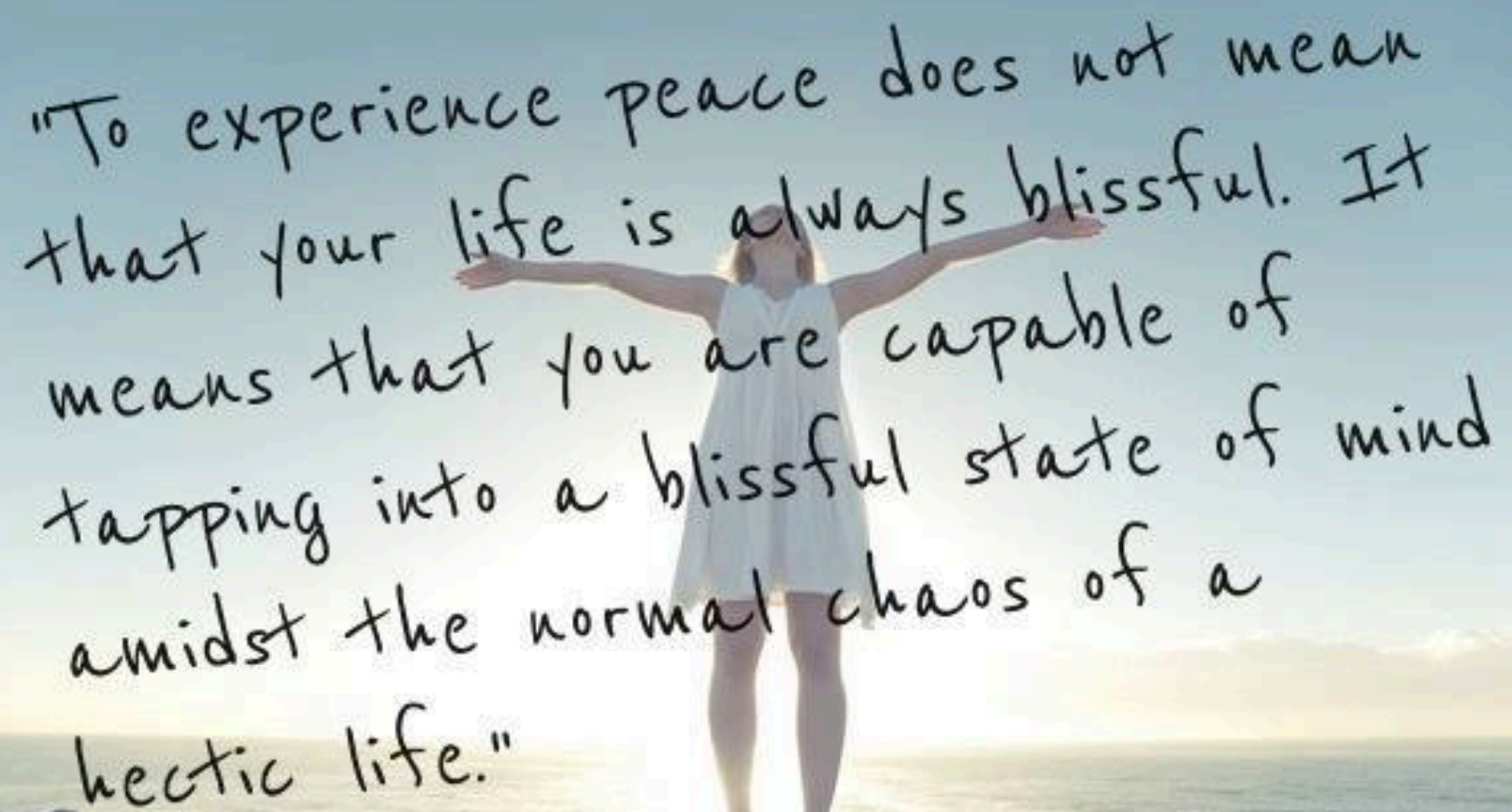
Peace.

It does not mean to be
in a place where there
is no noise, trouble or
hard work. It means to
be in the midst of
those things and still
be calm in your heart.

— unknown

"Peace is the result of
retraining your mind
to process life as it is,
rather than as you
think it should be."

-Wayne W. Dyer

A person with long blonde hair, wearing a white sleeveless dress, stands on a dark, rocky outcrop. Their arms are outstretched horizontally to the sides. They are looking out over a vast body of water towards a bright sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of light blue and yellow, with the sun's glow creating a bright horizon line. The water is dark blue with some white foam from waves breaking near the shore.

"To experience peace does not mean
that your life is always blissful. It
means that you are capable of
tapping into a blissful state of mind
amidst the normal chaos of a
hectic life."

- Jill Bolte Taylor

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IS NOT THE
A B S E N C E
OF TROUBLE,
BUT THE
PRESENCE OF
CHRIST.

~SHEILA WALSH

“God’s peace means that in his being and actions he is separate from all confusion and disorder; and yet he is continually active in innumerable, fully controlled, simultaneous actions.”

(Wayne Grudem)



Luke 1:30-33

But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants for ever; his kingdom will never end.'

SINCE THE END of the Second World War in 1945 there have been some 250 major wars in which over 50 million people have been killed, tens of millions made homeless, and countless millions injured and bereaved. (“Learn Peace” Website)





Romans 8:17-18

...we are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

Canon Andrew White
“Vicar” of Bagdad

c'mon, inner peace.
I don't have all day.



of my fellow workers, whose names are
in the book of life.

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4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say
it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness
be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do
not be anxious about anything, but in
everything, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your re-
quests to God. 7 And the peace of God,
which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true,
whatever is noble, whatever is true,
whatever is pure, whatever is right



**PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU,
MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU;
NOT AS THE WORLD GIVES
DO I GIVE TO YOU.
LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED,
NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID.**

JOHN 14:27

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