**The Pillar on Peace**

An Intercessor knows the power of walking in Peace. It requires learning how to lean upon and abide in Christ to find the balance of keeping one’s peace in daily living. God’s peace is the barometer that holds an intercessor stable, and when that peace is challenged, he/she will do whatever is necessary to regain that peace.

*For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. 20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. Amen.* **Romans 16:19-20 NKJV**

All peace is established by God. **Isaiah 9:6** tells us of a promised child whose name is called Prince of Peace. Jesus Himself is our peace. **(*Ephesians 2:14*)** God wants us to crush the systems of the enemy along with every one of the lies and strongholds he has been allowed to set up in people’s lives. The truth of God is evident in the life of one whose mind is established in the Lord. Every imagination is filtered through the truth that God can be trusted not just in the present, but knowing that He has always been trustworthy; and therefore all future times and incidences are already filed under “He’s got this covered.”

Peace will put a muzzle on the enemy’s influence for the one who abides in peace knows how to speak to a situation and get a result. Each day is met with having God’s thoughts and intentions about daily matters. Darkness, turmoil, disorder, unrest, confusion, each of these is responded to with what Jesus did on the cross. Jesus took the punishment, every severe pain the enemy wants to torture us with, and He publicly triumphed over it so that peace, wholeness, completeness, soundness, and our welfare is secured. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and so intercessors follow His lead to live in the blessing of peace. **(*Isaiah 53:5*)** Jesus Christ did not go through sufferings for His people to still be chained to the enemy’s chaotic systems. He knows how to invade a situation, but the intercessor’s assignment is to give Him the right-of-way.

**Colossians 1:19-20** *For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God* ***(Matthew 5:9)*.** A peacemaker will declare the terms that make someone whole. Satan loves to bring confusion and chaos; he wants people to feed on it and get sick on it. But God is always the author of peace. **(*1 Corinthians 14:33*)** He wants intercessors to link with Him, because through peace, the Kingdom is made available and moves forward through the dominion and rulership of Christ.

**Philippians 4:5b-9** reminds us the Lord is at hand… “at hand” meaning near in time and place with the underlying picture of a bent arm ready to receive a burden. It goes on to attest that when anxiety hits (when one feels like they’re in a million little pieces, is distracted and their attention is divided from God), the mind that wants to be whole will cry out by prayer and supplication requesting His peace. The intercessor will practice the advice given in verse 8… *whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things… and the God of peace will be with you.*

An intercessor will need to learn to separate their assignment from some of the emotions they might be feeling. Restlessness may occur on the onset of the burden and even throughout, but should not be allowed to steal an intercessor's peace.

Here are a few cautionary words regarding how to keep one's peace:

1. Be mindful of the stirring... is the restlessness caused because of being inconvenienced or interrupted? If so, there needs to be a heart/mind change about what comes first in an intercessor's life: Centering back to Jesus.
2. Ask God for a strategy to navigate skillfully- this requires a sound mind/ a calm mind.
3. Discernment: recognizing what needs to be prioritized in a moment (for example an intercessor will need to know if it's an appropriate place to go into intercession. Self-control has to be cultivated and used; one might need to remove themselves from a particular place/ moment.) This also deals with recognizing the length and time of an assignment. Some may take hours, days, weeks. An intercessor is sensitive to God's voice and not their emotions. **Colossians 1:9** *We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding…*
4. Grace and humility: Remember intercessors are not above being disciplined, instructed, directed. They are to serve.
5. **1 Corinthians 8:19, Galatians 5:13**An intercessor learns to use freedom in a God-way. When one is free to intercede, there will be a way in which to move forward in a way that maintains one's peace.
6. Be patient with oneself to learn. Sometimes it just takes time to separate the feelings an intercessor is having because of being called into intercession and one's own natural feelings; His peace is given to help with the burden.
7. Ask for wisdom every day. The book of James touches on peace and wisdom matters together. Sometimes intercession is trial by fire.

**James 1:5-*8*** *Ask for wisdom, do be not given to a mind that is unstable and doubtful.*

As an intercessor, one will deal with their mind and be diligent to root out anything, not of faith.

**James 1:19-20** *take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.*

[Meaning of the word anger in that passage: wrath, impulse, passion; desire (as a reaching forth or excitement of the mind), a (justifiable) abhorrence]

An intercessor listens and responds with wisdom and with a composed mind.

**James 3:17** *Wisdom is first pure, then peace loving...*