

Peace

...and as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

ephesians 6:15 (ESV)

As a body of believers a deep desire of ours is to be able to dwell in peace. We usually focus on the harmonious concept of peace. Which is needed. However, what if we focused on the work it takes to create and sustain this peace. Having peace does not mean that there is a lack of turbulence. Having peace challenges and stretches you. Peace is being able to uproot injustices and create space for those who are different than you. This kind of peace is given to us from Jesus. His peace brings wholeness and oneness. Jesus' peace is similar to a puzzle. Jesus' peace gathers the scattered pieces and puts them together, knowing that as a whole they create a masterpiece of God's work. This is our duty. Uprooting the injustices of our lives allows us to step into wholeness with others, with God! We must be aware of the work and be ready for the process. A college professor of mine often said "peace be the center, and we be the tender". We are the workers of peace, we start by tending to those labeled as "others" to us and pulling out the weeds we call injustices. This is our duty.

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Heavenly Father I recognize your peace and how much this world needs it. May I be a vessel of peace that seeks to uproot injustices every day. Lord, grant me courage to step out of my comfort zone and into the work of peace. Here I am Lord, use me!

Create time to reflect on ways you can work on creating peace in your everyday schedule. Share with someone the ways you've seen or experienced injustice, and maybe even call out within yourself the role you might've taken in those injustices. Peace is hard work, and it starts with a conversation such as this.

