

From Typhoons to Tailwinds

"(v.15) If you love me, you will obey what I command. (v.16) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—(v.17) the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. (v.18) I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. (v.19) Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. (v.20) On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. (v.21) Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.

(v.22) Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, 'But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?' (v.23) Jesus replied, 'If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. (v.24) He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

(v.25) All this I have spoken while still with you. (v.26) But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (v.27) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

John 14:15-27

(New International Version)

The one thing men and women need most from God is the peace of Jesus.

- ❖ 5 billion plus aspirin tablets a year.
- ❖ We need the power, composure, soul-calming stillness within that is the peace of Jesus.
- ❖ No doubt that Jesus had this . Jesus calls it "my" peace". (v.27)
 - ✓ Constantly interrupted
 - ✓ People breaking into his life with their sorrows, sins, and stress.
 - ✓ They pressed him on the streets, and followed him into the country.
 - ✓ His disciples frustrated him at every turn and he handled it all.
 - ✓ During his final moments on the cross his last words: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

My Point is→ You can have His Peace!

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (v.27)

The Way we come to Him is the way of prayer. That is the reason it is so desperately important that we pray for the peace of Jesus.

1 Pray for the peace of a clean heart!

One of the reasons why Jesus was so peaceful is because his peace was always clean.

There was no festering wound of guilt within Him.

Guilt is a wound. . . sometimes an infected wound.

Only purity disinfects an infected wound.

2 Pray for the gift of a disciplined life!

One of the great dangers of the 21st century is slackness.

Today we have contempt for self-control and responsibility.

The results are shared on the front page of the paper and on the evening news.

I believe that we need the discipline of prayer.

3 Pray for the gift of recognizing God's resources.

Have you ever been some place and you looked into your wallet or purse and discovered the your credit card had been borrowed by a family member and was still with that family member?

It never happened to Jesus not because he didn't have family or disciples who needed help from time to time. It didn't happen to Jesus because he always had marvelous resources.

Questions: Is there any problem that you have in your life which no human being who has ever lived ever had before you?

Is there any problem that you are confronting in your experience which is so unique that God has never dealt with that problem in anybody's else's life?

Is there any thing you are confronting which is beyond the capacities of God?

Of course not! You see, you can always have as much of God as you need when you pray!

The God of infinite resources will give you His resources!

When we ask in prayer, the results can be magnificent!

Turning a terrible typhoon into a tailwind takes prayer!

Shall we begin?