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Isaiah 26:3 – 4

"You wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed upon You, because he trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever; for in the LORD God is everlasting strength." Isaiah 26:3-4

Peace is not determined by absence of conflict. Rather, peace of heart and mind is found in the soul at rest in the Lord. Allow peace – or the absence of it – to act as a spiritual barometer gauging your mind and heart's level of rest in Christ. "Let the peace of Christ rule – or umpire – in your heart." (Colossians 3:15). When peace is allowed to "call the shots' in our lives, we subsequently learn to yield to and obey that peace. It is then we begin to enjoy all the benefits of peace.

Peace's rule in our lives may also act as a barometer of the level of trust that we are exhibiting at any given moment. When trust fails or falls short of the Holy Spirit's demand, we find that anxiety and worry begin their charge into our lives unsetting the little bit of faith, if any, that is trying to work on our behalf. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God, and the peace of God that passes understanding will keep your heart and mind in Christ Jesus!" (Philippians 4:8) Peace comes into our lives when we focus upon Him Who is Peace!

"Lord, teach me to stay my mind upon You! Teach me to fix my thoughts upon Your nature and character. May I be a center of peace and calm in the midst of a world gone mad! Amen!"

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