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2022: The Year of Christ Consciousness

Peace that passes all understanding

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Luke 9:10-17 Easy-to-Read Version

10 When the apostles came back, they told Jesus what they had done on their trip. Then he took them away to a town called Bethsaida. There, he and his apostles could be alone together. 11 But the people learned where Jesus went and followed him. He welcomed them and talked with them about God's kingdom. He healed the people who were sick. 12 Late in the afternoon, the twelve apostles came to Jesus and said, "No one lives in this place. Send the people away. They need to find food and places to sleep in the farms and towns around here." 13 But Jesus said to the apostles, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish. Do you want us to go buy food for all these people?" There are too many! 14 (There were about 5000 men there.) Jesus said to his followers, "Tell the people to sit in groups of about 50 people." 15 So the followers did this and everyone sat down. 16 Then Jesus took the five loaves of bread and two fish. He looked up into the sky and thanked God for the food. Then he broke it into pieces, which he gave to the followers to give to the people. 17 They all ate until they were full. And there was a lot of food left. Twelve baskets were filled with the pieces of food that were not eaten.

The Purpose of Challenges for the Believers

James 1:2-4 The Message

2-4 Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that **under pressure**, **your faith-life** is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. **Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed**, **not deficient in any way**.

James 1:2-4 Amplified Bible

2 Consider it nothing but joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you fall into various trials. 3 Be assured that the testing of your faith [through experience] produces endurance [leading to

spiritual maturity, and inner peace]. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result and do a thorough work, so that **you may be perfect and completely developed** [in your faith], lacking in nothing.

The Purpose of Change for the Believer

Romans 12:1-2 Amplified Bible

1 Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

You are not stuck!

We all can make a Choice today

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 Easy-to-Read Version

19 "Today I am giving you a choice of two ways. And I ask heaven and earth to be witnesses of your choice. You can choose life or death. The first choice will bring a blessing. The other choice will bring a curse. So choose life! Then you and your children will live. 20 You must love the Lord your God and obey him. Never leave him, because he is your life. And he will give you a long life in the land that he, the Lord, promised to give to your ancestors—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

The power of Communion

Matthew 18:19-20 Amplified Bible

19 "Again I say to you, that if two believers on earth agree [that is, are of one mind, in harmony] about anything that they ask [within the will of God], it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in My name [meeting together as My followers], I am there among them."

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John 14:27 Amplified Bible

27 Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. [Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge.]

Philippians 4:7 Contemporary English Version

7 Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. **And this peace will control the way you think and feel**.