

GOD WITH US BRINGS PEACE **God with Us Series, Part 4**

THE SHEPHERDS IN FIELDS

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and **they were terrified.** **Luke 2:8–9 (NIV)**

But the angel said to them, '**Do not be afraid.** I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' **Luke 2:10–12 (NIV)**

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth **peace to those on whom his favor rests.**' **Luke 2:13–14 (NIV)**

APPLICATION: THE GIFT OF SALVATION, WHICH INCLUDES GOD'S BLESSING AND FAVOR, WAS GIVEN TO ALL MANKIND, WHICH MEANS IT'S AVAILABLE TO YOU.

PEACE AS WHOLENESS

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Numbers 6:24–26 (NIV)**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace.** Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. **Isaiah 9:6–7 (NIV)**

PEACE IS A PERSON

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 14:27 (NIV)**

For he himself is our peace. **Ephesians 2:14 (NIV)**

APPLICATION: PEACE IS NOT A THING TO POSSESS, BUT A PERSON TO KNOW. PEACE FLOWS FROM GOD HIMSELF.

PEACE TRANSFORMS US AND CARRIES US

And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, 'Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?' Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace, be still!' And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. **Mark 4:37–39 (NKJV)**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6–7 (NIV)

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 (NIV)