

Empty Boxes Series

5-Day Devotional: Week 2

Peace

Day 1 The Promise of Peace

Scripture: Luke 2:8–14

The angels declared peace on earth the night Jesus was born, but it wasn't the kind of peace we usually picture. It wasn't quiet streets, cozy moments, or the absence of conflict. It was the arrival of a Savior who would make us whole again from the inside out. Peace is not the removal of chaos but the presence of Christ in the middle of it. No matter what this season looks like for you, the Prince of Peace has come near.

- Where do you need the peace of Jesus in your life right now?
- How have you been defining peace lately?
- What helps you remember that peace begins with Jesus and not your circumstances?

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for coming close and offering real peace. Help me receive the kind of peace that is grounded in You, not in the season around me. Amen.

Day 2 Peace That Doesn't Match the Circumstances

Scripture: John 14:27

Jesus promised His disciples peace on the very night everything was about to fall apart. That tells us something important. Peace is not the same as comfort. Peace is the gift of knowing Jesus is steady when life is not. He doesn't promise an easy life, but He does promise Himself, and that will always be enough. If He could offer peace on the way to the cross, He can offer peace in whatever you're walking through today.

- Where do you tend to confuse peace with comfort?
- What would it look like to hold onto Jesus in the middle of something that feels uncertain?
- How does knowing Jesus gave peace in His hardest moment encourage you right now?

Prayer: Lord, help me trust the peace You give even when my circumstances don't line up. Remind me that Your presence is my security. Amen.

Day 3 Wholeness: The Peace We Actually Need

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7

The word peace in Scripture means wholeness, completeness, being made right. It's not just a calm feeling, it's God restoring what sin has broken. Jesus isn't only the giver of peace; He is the ruler of peace, the One

who holds together what feels scattered. In a season that might remind you of what's missing, Jesus offers the peace of being made whole in Him.

- Where do you feel incomplete or stretched thin right now?
- How does knowing Jesus is the One who makes you whole change the way you see your situation?
- Where do you sense God inviting you to trust His restoring work in your life?

Prayer: Prince of Peace, thank You for making me whole when I feel anything but. Help me rest in the completeness that only You can give. Amen.

Day 4 Peace That Stays Through Trials

Scripture: Romans 5:1–5

Peace with God doesn't mean we avoid hardship. It means we walk through hardship with the assurance that God is shaping us, strengthening us, and holding us. Paul reminds us that suffering produces endurance and hope, not because trials are easy, but because God is near in all of it. When your hope is in Jesus, trials can refine you instead of break you.

- What trial or pressure has been stealing your peace lately?
- How does Romans 5:1–5 reassure you that God is at work in your struggle?
- Where do you see God strengthening your hope through something difficult?

Prayer: God, help me remember that You are present in every trial. Shape my faith, strengthen my hope, and steady my heart in Your peace. Amen.

Day 5 Peace That Makes Room for Others

Scripture: Colossians 3:12–15

God's peace isn't just something we receive, it's something we carry into our relationships. The peace of Christ can rule our hearts, helping us respond with kindness, patience, and forgiveness even when it feels costly. As the peace of Jesus fills us, it begins to spill into the lives of others. Peace becomes something we practice, not just something we feel.

- Who in your life needs you to bring Christlike peace to the relationship?
- What makes it difficult for the peace of Jesus to "rule" your heart?
- Where can you practice peace this week in a way that reflects Jesus?

Prayer: Jesus, let Your peace rule in my heart today. Help me share Your peace with the people around me so they can see You through me. Amen.