

QFMC 5 Day Devotional

Week of December 7, 2025 by Ed Burns

Day 1: Peace With God

Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Devotional: Before we can experience true peace, we must understand our relationship with God. The prophet Isaiah declared that a child would be born—the Prince of Peace—700 years before Jesus arrived. This wasn't just poetic language; it was God's promise to end the war between humanity and Himself. Through Christ's death on the cross, God's wrath was satisfied, and we received what we don't deserve: peace. Today, reflect on this truth: you are no longer at war with your Creator. Jesus took your punishment. His blood made peace possible. Have you accepted this gift? If so, spend time thanking Him for ending the conflict and welcoming you into His family as a beloved child.

Day 2: The Peace of God

Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Devotional: Once we're at peace with God, something remarkable happens—His peace begins to fill us from the inside out. This isn't the world's peace, which depends on circumstances. God's peace "exceeds anything we can understand" and guards our hearts even in the storm. Julie, at 28, experienced a stroke and lost the use of her right arm. Yet in her most terrifying moment, when she surrendered completely to God, she was "struck with the most awesome feeling of love and peace." This is the peace that doesn't make sense to the world. What circumstances are stealing your peace this Christmas season? Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, thank Him for what He's done, and watch His supernatural peace guard your heart.

Day 3: Peacemakers in a Broken World

Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Devotional: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." When Christ, the Prince of Peace, lives in us, we become His ambassadors of reconciliation. Making peace is hard work—it requires humility, forgiveness, and intentional effort. Perhaps you're dreading Christmas dinner because of unresolved conflict with a family member. God is calling you to do what He does: make peace. This doesn't mean ignoring hurt or pretending everything is fine. It

means working toward reconciliation, choosing love over being right, and extending grace as you've received it. Are you planting peace or sowing strife? This Christmas, will you be a fanatic for peace—not just during the holidays, but all year long? God blesses those who do the hard work of peacemaking.

Day 4: Sharing Peace With Others

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Devotional: The only way people can experience peace with God is if someone tells them. You are Christ's ambassador—His representative on earth. What an incredible privilege and responsibility! You carry the message that can transform lives: peace with God is possible through Jesus Christ. Romans 10:17 reminds us that "faith comes from hearing the good news, and people hear the good news when someone tells them about Christ." You wouldn't keep the cure for a deadly disease to yourself. Why would you keep the cure for spiritual death hidden? This Advent season, who needs to hear about the Prince of Peace from you? Maybe it's a co-worker, neighbor, or family member. Ask God for courage and opportunity to share the peace you've received.

Day 5: Peace That Transforms Everything

Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Devotional: Isaiah's vision seems almost too good to be true: wolves lying with lambs, leopards with goats, natural enemies at peace. This is God's ultimate plan—a world filled with the knowledge of the Lord, where His righteousness brings complete harmony. While we await this future reality, we can experience glimpses of it now. Peace with God leads to the peace of God within us, which enables peace with others and compels us to share this peace. As you light your Advent candles this week, remember that Jesus didn't just come to give you a ticket to heaven someday. He came to bring peace now—to glue back together what sin has broken, to make you whole. "May the Lord himself, who is our source of peace, give you peace at all times and in every way." Let this truth transform your Christmas from stress to rest, from anxiety to worship.