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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Isa. 26:3-4 *You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD Himself, is the Rock eternal.*
(NIV)

One of the blessings we have as Christians, is that we have the peace of God. This is a critical piece of the life that is abundant. You will notice the Hebrew phrase *perfect peace*. This is a very descriptive and beautiful phrase that is only used here. The translation is actually *shalom shalom*. Repetition in Hebrew is communicating intensity. This means that the LORD Himself will keep us in *shalom shalom*. He will keep us in perfect peace. This is a peace that can only be given by the One Who is peace, the LORD alone. And He can *keep* us in this perfect peace.

If you are feeling rattled, shaken, not knowing what you are to do, come to the place of perfect peace. Keep your mind focused upon Him. When we look at the things of this world, we so easily lose focus on the LORD and His provisions for us. You recall that when Jesus told Simon Peter to step out of the boat and walk on the water to Him, he did. And he would have made it out to where Jesus was had he kept his eyes on Jesus. But he began to look at the waves and fear struck his heart, and he began to sink. There is a lesson for all of us in this. We must keep our eyes, our hearts, our minds steadfastly focused on the goal that has been set before us. We must focus on Jesus. Anytime we become distracted by the waves of this world, we will begin to sense the joy and peace of the LORD fading into the distance. And this, my friend, is where we begin to exist, rather than live. Think about it. Live in His presence with my eyes and heart fixed steadfastly on Him, or live apart from Him with the waves of this world pounding constantly upon my frame. I choose Jesus! I choose to look to Him and upon Him. He is my rock and my foundation. He is all I will ever need. **Prov. 3:5-6** *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.* (NIV)

Dear LORD, thank You that our peace is found in You alone. We will never find peace until we come to You, stay in You and abide in Your presence. You are our Rock eternal. In Jesus Name, Amen