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## Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 130

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His peaceful** love. **John 16:33** "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have <u>peace</u>. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

The Greek word for peace is *eirenen* which means quietness, rest, a sense of health and wholeness - all parts joined together. This is a picture of the life lived in Christ. This peace means even when everything around you seems to be going bad, He gives us peace in the midst of the circumstances.

Picture for a moment, twelve fishermen out late at night, hoping that they would catch a few fish. As was the situation upon this particular lake, storms could come up quickly and make staying afloat very difficult, if not impossible. When seasoned fishermen would see the signs of a storm coming, they would make for the closest shoreline. For some reason on this particular evening, these twelve were caught off guard. The storm came in with a fury and they thought they would surely capsize and drown. But there was one more on board that night and He wasn't worried at all. In fact, He was taking a nap. The others rushed to Him in fear and woke Him up saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" Little did they understand that the One Who created the wind, the lake, the materials for the boat, and everything else, was resting in the boat. He wasn't afraid. He looked at the men who were terrified and said, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" He then said to the wind and the waves "Peace be still."

You see in this world, we will have trouble. We will be in situations where it seems that all is lost. In those moments, we must remember that the One Who created everything is the One Who can speak peace into the storms of your life. And, He is not worried or terrified of the storms; He created the wind and the waves. He can calm them in a second. Be reminded today that because He loves you, He will watch over you and keep you in His arms. He will speak peace to the storms in your life if you will stay 'in' Him.

Dear Father, help me to stay in You. I will not fear this world or the things of this world because you are with me. I keep my eyes fixed on You Lord. Thank You for Your wonderful peace that passes all understanding. In Jesus Name, Amen