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Peace

Jesus can give you peace in your heart.
He can make the storms, troubles, stress,
tension, and confusion not upset you.

You can feel His peace when you pray, trust
in Him, and remember the promises in His
Word.



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Patience

When you are patient, you know things will work out well. If you do something else while you wait for things to work out, waiting will be easier for you.

If someone is testing your patience and is upsetting you, or if something is difficult for you, Jesus can help you to be calm and to make the right choices.

Reading His Word can give you the faith you need to wait patiently until things are right again, or until things work out as you are hoping.



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Gentleness

Talking softly and acting gently can inspire others to do the right thing too.

Getting all worried, angry, loud, or acting rough with others won't make good things happen.

When you relax and act kindly, and treat others gently, it will bring better results.



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Goodness

There is always something good to think about and notice and do in each situation. Focus on what is right, and choose to do what is good.

Things will be better for you when you talk about good things and make the right choices that please Jesus.



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Faith

God's Word gives you faith and confidence to obey Him. Jesus loves you and when you pray and trust Him to take care of you it makes Him so happy.

He will then do wonderful things for you. Jesus can help you to not worry about anything, but to know that He can always help you.

What can faith in God do for you? It can do a whole lot! It healed blind Bartimaeus' eyes.

Jesus said to Bartimaeus,

"Your faith has made you whole."



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Faith is just believing that God is, and that He is there with you, that He cares about you and that He loves you.

Putting your faith in God is like putting your little hand in Daddy's big hand when you're walking along.

You trust that he will lead you to good places and take care of you. It's just that simple, and it works just as well.

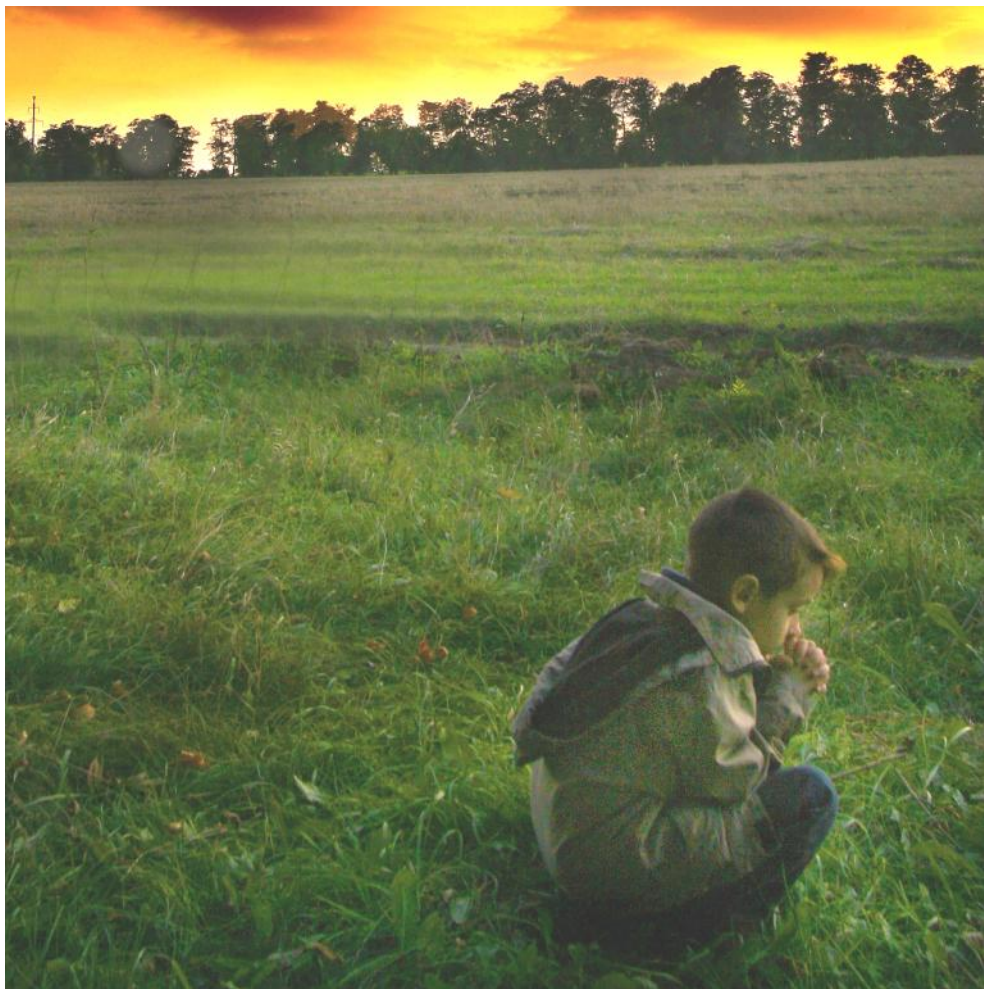


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Meekness

Jesus likes to use little things and little people who don't have big ideas of their own but who let His Spirit lead them to do what He wants them to.

They don't get worked up or upset when things don't go their way. Instead, they are trusting all the time that Jesus will work things out for them. And because they do, things usually turn out all right.



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Moderation

It makes Jesus very happy when we're moderate and control our impulses.

Being moderate also helps us to take better care of ourselves by not overdoing—just having enough.

We will be able to show more consideration for others when we aren't only focused on getting more for ourselves, which causes us to neglect the needs of others.



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Prayer

Prayer is talking to Jesus and letting Him know what you need and what's on your heart. And just like having a conversation with a friend, prayer goes two ways. Jesus also likes to talk to you!

So take a little time each day to tell Him what's on your heart and then get real quiet and let Him talk to you.

He can give you all that you need in that little moment you spend with Him. It might be a comforting thought and peaceful feeling, or a reminder of His great love for you.



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Praise

The Lord is wonderful, amazing, tremendous, and everlasting. There is nothing that He cannot do. He's more powerful than everyone on Earth put together.

Why not praise Him, all day long, in all that you do? He loves to hear you tell Him how thankful you are, and how you know that He can do anything.

You'll find out that the more you speak words of gratitude to Jesus, the better things will get, and the more joy you will have.



Hearing from Heaven

Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice."

If we'll just be like little sheep and follow our Shepherd, Jesus, we'll hear His voice, too! Just get ready to listen, and you will hear Him.

Or like your mummy asks you sometimes, "Are you listening?" That's what happened with young Samuel in the Bible: he took time to be quiet and to listen to what the Lord wanted to say to him.

When you feel that Jesus wants to talk to you, you can say, like Samuel did, "Speak, Lord, I'm listening."



First Place

The most important thing in the whole wide world is Jesus, and so a relationship with Him is the best thing you can have.

When you take time to talk to Jesus, to listen to Him, and to read His Word, it shows Him that you love and respect Him.

Putting your friendship with Jesus above all other people and possessions will bring you all the best in your life—things of true value that you'll be so glad for.

When you are close friends with Jesus, and you put Him first, He will make your heart and life beautiful and reward you in special ways—because you are His special, close friend.



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Forgiveness and Mercy

To forgive someone who has hurt you or others, is being like Jesus. He needs the people on Earth who know and love Him to show a bit of what He is like to others.

To forgive someone rather than staying upset at them, or to give others another chance to make good choices next time, shows others what God's love is like.

Jesus came to Earth to give us all forgiveness. We can show our thankfulness to Jesus for loving and forgiving us by doing the same for others. Jesus blesses this and makes our life happier as a result.

