

WEEK 4: Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace)

INTRO// -What's up Faith Students! Welcome to the best night of the week, so glad each and every one of you are here!

-Tonight we're continuing our series called: NameDrop.

-In this series we're studying the names of God, because they're so much more than just a name!

-God's names reveal His character, His nature, who He is !

Just to Recap

We have talked about

-YHWH

-JEHOVAH SHAMMAH

-JEHOVAH. NESSI

THESE ARE ALL OTHER NAMES THAT WE CAN CALL UPON TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH OUR GOD!

We have found that he is our constant, he is always there and he is our banner. Tonight we are going to dive in to another name that I think a lot of students need to connect with is Jehovah Shalom meaning the Lord is Peace.

TRANSITION//

If you are a note taker tonights

Message Title- From conflict to calm

Story/Illustration-

Tell a time/situation where you were without peace and maybe you couldn't sleep and it constantly caused you to live in that moment without peace.

Scripture//

Judges 6:13-24

“Sir,” Gideon replied, “if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn’t they say, ‘The Lord brought us up out of Egypt’? But now the Lord has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites.” 14 Then the Lord turned to him and said, “Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!” 15 “But Lord,” Gideon replied, “how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!” 16 The Lord said to him, “I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man.” 17 Gideon replied, “If you are truly going to help me, show me a sign to prove that it is really the Lord speaking to me. 18 Don’t go away until I come back and bring my offering to you.” He answered, “I will stay here until you return.” 19 Gideon hurried home. He cooked a young goat, and with a basket[a] of flour he baked some bread without yeast. Then, carrying the meat in a basket and the broth in a pot, he brought them out and presented them to the angel, who was under the great tree. 20 The angel of God said to him, “Place the meat and the unleavened bread on this rock, and pour the broth over it.” And Gideon did as he was told. 21 Then the angel of the Lord touched the meat and bread with the tip of the staff in his hand, and fire flamed up from the rock and consumed all he had brought. And the angel of the Lord disappeared. 22 When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord, he cried out, “Oh, Sovereign Lord, I’m doomed! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!” 23 “It is all right,” the Lord replied. “Do not be afraid. You will not die.” 24 And Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and named it Yahweh-Shalom (which means “the Lord is peace”). The altar remains in Ophrah in the land of the clan of Abiezer to this day.

CONTEX//

- God has turned the Israelites over to the Midianites
- They had no peace for 7 years
- Made themselves in the dens that were in the mountain and caves and stronghold.
- Raised up Gideon to lead them out

PRAY//

HOW MANY OF US FIND OURSELVES TO BE LIKE GIDEON??? (afraid, doomed, useless, out of place.)

Pont 1// It's gone be alright

See to many times we are like Gideon things arise in our life and we are just ready to give up we feel doomed..

2 Corinthians 4:8-18

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Christian's develop strength from trials

- in your pain, in your hurt, in your anger, we have to realize that God is our Peace.

- God allows these things to happen so we have to look and lean on his word and his name of who he is and how he can change your entire situation.

- In all things God wants us to know he will provide his peace

WHAT IS WORDLY PEACE???

- The world's peace is fleeting and changes with circumstances.
- The world's peace is built on the weak foundation of compromise.
- The world's peace ignores the root of the problem.

We will be unfulfilled with worldly peace. This is exactly why we have so many students looking for something and falling for anything!

THIS WORLD ONLY OFFERS SUPERFICIAL PEACE!!!!!!

WHAT IS GODLY PEACE???

- God's peace is permanent and secure.
- God's peace is built on the sure foundation of his Word.
- God's peace is ours because Jesus heals our root of sin.

POINT 2//

YOU AREN'T DOOMED WITH GOD

- Gideon Had no idea what the Lord had for him much like a lot of us....
- Even when the angel approached him, his first words were I'm DOOMED

How many of us have truly felt doomed even when we knew that God was there. (REFER BACK TO JEHOVAH SHAMMAH) showing students how God's names are linked.....

James 1:2-4

Dear brothers and sisters,[a] when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. **3** For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. **4** So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

Webster defines peace as - a state of tranquility or quiet

John 16:33

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

When most of us think about about peace, we think about "perfect" circumstances and nothing disturbing our "peace". This is an accurate definition of "peace" only as long as the circumstances are conducive to peace. It is the only "peace" the world knows.

But real peace doesn't come from without. Real peace comes from Jehovah Shalom and is an inner work of grace. If you truly know God as

Jehovah Shalom, you can still experience His perfect peace in the midst of "troubled waters".

Peace is a temporary pact; shalom is a permanent agreement.

One can make a peace treaty; shalom is the condition of peace. Peace can be negative, the absence of commotion. Shalom is positive, the presence of serenity. When we call Jesus Jehovah Shalom we are agreeing that he is our permanent peace.

John 14:27

27 "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

ILLUSTRATION//

*Tell a time you felt doomed.. Maybe a time where you broke down and had no help..

- Maybe you lost a loved one or a pet
- Or maybe a a lost friendship

APPLICATION//

-Who knows what Gideon was thinking/feeling in the moment

-He was in the middle of working and as many of you know most places of work aren't peaceful.

-Regardless He builds and alter and calls it a place of peace.

-When faced with a problem he made right where he was at his alter because he knew God's Peace is always.

Some of us just need to build an alter tonight and know that in that God's Perfect Peace will be found.

ALTAR + RESPONSE//

1. If you are going through a battle/struggle, and need to find God's Perfect Peace Maybe tonight is that night. Get in His word

- Get in His presence
- Worship make these alters your alter unto God

2. ASK God for his Perfect Peace to take place in your life !
 - Get prayer from a leader
 - Pray in groups/small groups