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NOISE: RESPONSES TO OUR CIRCUMSTANCES IN A FALLEN WORLD...

- Sounds of fear – thoughts of worry, vulnerability, uncertainty
- Sounds of despair – thoughts of helplessness, defeat, self-pity
- Sounds of anger – thoughts of hurt, demands, thwarted goals
- Sounds of bitterness – thoughts of injustice, contempt, revenge
- Sounds of lust – thoughts of indulgence, coveting, ambition
- Sounds of guilt – thoughts of sinfulness, remorse, embarrassment
- Sounds of obsessions – thoughts of habits, self demands, cover-ups
- Sounds of entertainment – thoughts of movies, music, sports, video games, adventures

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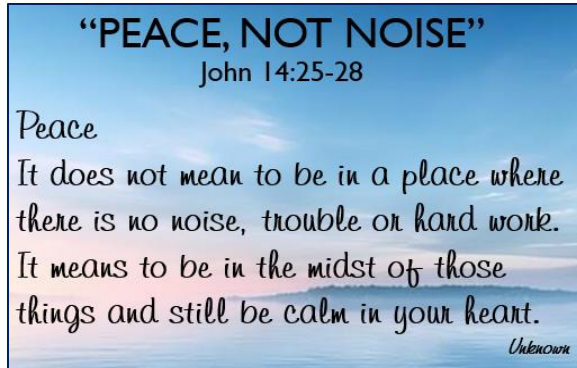
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 - **It's not what God wants for your life!**

> *Matthew 11:28-30*

JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE:

- He said a number of times (*Mark 6:31*) “Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest for a while.”
- And said: (*John 4:34*) “My food (My mission, My purpose), is to do the will of Him who sent Me and accomplish His work.”
 - *John 8:29* “...the Father hath not left me alone for I do always those things that please Him”
 - **Jesus was all about His Father!**

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You can have peace!

> *John 14:25-28*

WE MUST UNDERSTAND A FEW THINGS:

I. God only gives peace.

Luke 2:14 “...and on earth peace, good will toward men”
[literally translates]: “on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased”

- A. Peace between man and his creator (*Colossians 1:20-21*)
- B. Peace by reconciliation
- C. Peace that passes all understanding (*Philippians 4:7*)

II. You must allow His peace. (*Colossians 3:15*)

- A. To rule! Call the shots! It **must** be in charge!
- B. How do I do it?

> *Isaiah 26:3-4* “³Thou wilt keep him in **perfect peace**, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. ⁴Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength”

C. Paul tells Timothy to **follow** peace:

> *1 Timothy 2:22* Flee also youthful lusts: **but follow** righteousness, faith, charity, **peace**, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

III. We must preach peace to others.

> *Ephesians 2:17* “¹⁷And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.”

A. A lot of people need peace

> *Romans 10:15* “And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of **peace**, and bring glad tidings of good things!”

B. Peace that the world has never, will never know!

CONCLUSION:

- It's time to pursue His peace.
- It's time to stop, deal with, the noise.
- It's time to stop the negative recordings in your mind, and focus, meditate on the Lord. – “Be still and **know** that I am God.” (*Psalms 46:10a*)
- Are you at peace?