

ADVENT WEEK TWO

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Give me Peace

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

...you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another... may behave properly toward outsiders... 1 Thessalonians 4:9b, 12a

The dictionary definition of peace is “a state of quiet; especially: freedom from public disturbance or war. 2: freedom from upsetting thoughts or feelings.” In this social media-driven age, I pray for God’s peace to cover humanity from social media distractions and beefs. Now is the time to infuse the spirit of peace for all who show signs of addiction and exhaustion from social media. No longer should social media continue to disrupt the fundamental fabric and experience of family, friends, and community. I firmly stand on the notion, Give me Peace!

How and why does social media drive so much of what people commit to? When and where do people go to find a peaceful place? With the use of social media, many of our lives are on constant broadcast. A vacation or outing to the store, mall, or our favorite restaurant can turn into a trending topic for the world to view. One would hope this trending story would display us in a positive light; however, many times the trending stories are those of shame, hurt, embarrassment, and defeat. I firmly stand on the notion, Give me Peace!

Unfortunately, many people seek the approval of social media from the number of likes, shares, and comments. Social media presents an inadequate reflection of feeling a sense of love and belongingness. Social media is creating a world of superficial love and peace. A feeling of self-worth should come from meaningful relationships over the number of Facebook friends and Twitter followers. The scripture suggest that this group of people learned to love God and each other through meaningful relationships. Also, the sacred text expresses a foundational platform built on incorporating a life with peace and love. I firmly stand on the notion, Give me Peace!

Give me Peace! During this Advent season, please remember the importance of living with peace. When the trials of this world are laying heavy on your life, seek God’s peace. Seek God’s peace when your family is sick and hurting. Seek God’s peace when the world needs more of you, but you’re tired and weary. As it is stated in Philippians, “And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

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