Unsurrendered Peace: Rooted in Faith & Sustained by Christ, Delivered from Every Trial

Scripture Foundation

- John 14:27
- 2 Corinthians 4:7–11
- Psalm 34:19

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

- John 14:27

The Gift of Peace for Women of God

Peace is not merely the absence of storms. Peace is the presence of Christ within the storm and within our hearts. As women of God, working women, mothers, leaders, and servant of Christ, we must remember that peace is not fragile, conditional, or circumstantial. The peace of God is our inheritance in Christ, sealed by the Holy Spirit, and given as a permanent gift to every discipled woman of God.

Yet Satan, our adversary, comes to steal our peace, this gifted inheritance from God. He taunts us with lies, reminding us of past failures, whispering fear into our minds, and burdening us with worry. He seeks to keep us paralyzed, stuck, and defeated. But Jesus Christ has already declared, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you." Peace is not something we must chase. The peace of God is something we must guard, cherish, and walk in daily because it rightfully belongs to us. This peace has been bought and paid in full by the blood of Jesus Christ on the cross at Calvary.

Pressed but Not Crushed: Peace that is relentless

Paul's words in **2** Corinthians **4:7-11** are a lifeline for every righteous woman of God who feels pressed under the weight of life's demands. He writes:

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted but not abandoned; struck down but not destroyed."

Here, Paul acknowledges the reality of affliction, pressures from every side, difficulties that overwhelm, burdens that seem too heavy to carry. And yet, for women who are in Christ, these trials do not lead to destruction. Why? Because the *treasure*, the indwelling Spirit of God, preserves every woman who trusts in the Lord.

For the working woman who rises early to provide for her family, for the mother who juggles children, career, and ministry, for the disciple who faces rejection, betrayal, or disappointment, this passage is a reminder: you may be pressed, but you will not be crushed. You may be afflicted, but you will not be abandoned. Christ is with you, strengthening you, molding you, and shining His power through your weakness.

Paul concludes, "For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that His life may also be revealed in our mortal body" (v. 11). This means that every affliction, every pressing, every trial becomes an opportunity for the life of Christ to be revealed in us. What the enemy meant for harm becomes a stage for God's glory.

Many Afflictions, Yet Certain Deliverance

The psalmist declares: "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19).

Afflictions will come. In fact, many afflictions will come. Storms, grief, disappointments, and daily battles are part of living in a fallen world. But sister, be assured of this, affliction does not have the final say. Deliverance does. God has promised to deliver His daughters out of *them all*. Not some, not most but *all*.

This assurance allows us to remain unshaken, even when the winds howl and the waves crash. **Peace** is not a fleeting feeling; instead, it is a **spiritual posture** rooted in faith. Peace is the steady knowing that even when the storm rages, Jehovah Shalom, our Peace is present, covering us, guiding us, and anchoring us.

Peace: A Spiritual Posture

Peace is not simply an emotion to be felt; it is a position to be guarded. To walk in **God's peace is to remain steadfast** in the Spirit, grounded in prayer, strengthened by the Word, and fortified through fasting and worship.

Even when Satan attempts to rob us with discouragement, distractions, and lies, the righteous woman of God takes authority. She declares God's promises over her life, resists the adversary with the Word, and **refuses to surrender** her inheritance of peace.

As disciples of Christ, we are not called to live fearful, anxious, or defeated lives. We are called to stand firm, **rooted in the unshakable peace** of Christ. This **peace empowers** us to mother with patience, to lead with grace, to endure with strength, and to testify boldly of God's deliverance in every season.

Closing Encouragement

Daughters of the Most High, guard your peace as the treasure it is. Do not waver when trials come, and do not surrender to the enemy's lies. Stand firm, rooted in the Word and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Remember that peace is not the absence of storms, but the blessed assurance that the One who calms the storm lives within you.

You are pressed but not crushed. Afflicted, but never abandoned. Delivered, and walking victoriously in the unshakable peace of Christ.

Questions for Growth

- 1. How have you experienced being "pressed but not crushed" in your own life? How did God's Spirit sustain you during that season?
- 2. What strategies can you use to guard your peace daily from the lies and distractions of Satan?
- 3. Reflect on **Psalm 34:19**. In what ways has God already delivered you from past afflictions? How does this strengthen your faith for current challenges?