

## AT THE GILGAL STARBUCKS

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Joshua 5:10-12 NIV

On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate of the produce of Canaan.

### 1. For the next few weeks:

#### a. The value of Gilgal:

1. Rest
2. Rededication
3. Refocusing

#### b. The mistakes of The Wilderness:

1. Listening to the wrong voices
2. Depending too much on Moses
3. Interpreting God's provision as God's approval

#### c. Life in the Promised Land requires a new way of thinking.

1. We must shift from a 'hearing' mindset to a 'hearing and doing' mindset.
  - a. "There has never been a generation of Christians more educated and more trained in the things of God than this present one. The problem is that we are educated far beyond our level of obedience."

– Derek Prince; Bob Mumford, 1975

- b. The power of God’s Word in our life is directly linked to how seriously we treat it. Do we obey it or do we just ‘take note.’
  - c. John Osteen’s car problem.
2. We must shift from second-hand revelation to first-hand revelation.
- Ephesians 1:5-17 NIV For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the *Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.*
  - “I’ll just stay here in my tent. You tell me what God says.”  
—The people of Israel to Moses  
This indicated their response to God’s manifested presence.

*Therefore, we will see the Christian Life pulpit ministry continue to shift from ‘informational’ to ‘prophetic.’ There will be a continued and increasing sense of confirmation and confrontation tied to the ministries of our church.*

3. We must shift by turning away from any illegitimate focus; our total focus must be on Jesus alone!
- a. “Take my yoke upon yourself and learn about me and my ways. The result will be that you shall find rest for your inner man. The yoke I will give you fits perfectly. Then the work I give you to do will be delightful instead of burdensome.”  
Paraphrase of Matthew 11:29
  - b. So we serve with a rested heart, taking on only His assignments. The result is peace and success!

2. For 2009: “ <i>Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.</i> ” Ps 34:14
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God is set on establishing a ‘mindset of peace’ within the hearts of His people. Consider His promises:

- Romans 16:19-20 NIV Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I am full of joy over you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.
- Numbers 6:22-27 NIV The LORD said to Moses, 'Tell Aaron and his sons, This is how you are to bless the Israelites.' Say to them: 'The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. 'So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.
- Leviticus 26:5-7 NIV Your threshing will continue until grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land. I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid. I will remove savage beasts from the land, and the sword will not pass through your country. You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you.
- Psalm 29:11 NIV The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.
- Psalm 122:7 NIV May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.
- Isaiah 53:5 NIV But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.
- Isaiah 54:10 NIV Though the mountains be shaken, and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.
- Isaiah 54:13 NIV All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children's peace."
- Isaiah 55:12 NIV You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
- Malachi 2:5 NIV My covenant was with him, a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him; this called for reverence and he revered me and stood in awe of my name.

- John 14:27 NIV Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
- Romans 5:1 NIV Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Romans 8:6 NIV The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.
- Romans 14:17 NIV For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,
- Galatians 1:3 NIV Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Philippians 4:7 NIV And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

As 2009 progresses, if we obey God, we will discover a sense of Heaven-sent peace and calm. It will settle upon us as a spiritual aroma even during times of adversity and uncertainty. Start *pursuing and establishing Kingdom Peace in your heart* today!

Our theme for 2009 is *Pursuing Peace in Turbulent Times*

Our key Scripture for 2009 is *Seek peace and pursue it.* Psalm 34:14 NIV

This idea is confirmed in the New Testament in Peter's writings:

*For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." —1 Peter 3:10-12 NIV*

Paul makes it clear that "peaceful lives" is God's plan for us, and we should pray for our leaders in order to maintain peaceful environments.

Timothy 2:1-4 NIV

*"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet*

*lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."*

It is said that it takes a great while to turn a big ship. The family of Christian Life has indeed been involved in numerous and often long turns. The long turn will continue, but for the church family who will pursue peace, even a large ship will turn on a dime.

Nothing can replace steady persistence, but The Lord will also introduce a season of suddenlies to accommodate those situations in your life that cannot wait. This season will not be to pamper your flesh, but to protect it. Therefore, pay attention when God moves. God's favor is not simply to satisfy you, but rather to sanctify you.

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