

## Pastor's Weekly Devotional – January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### **“God’s Peace”**

The beloved hymn “It is Well with My Soul” has been a source of comfort to many. The hymn was written in memory of the author’s four daughters who had just perished in a shipwreck and his wife barely rescued. Through it all, the couple maintained their faith in their sovereign God and wrote this hymn through their broken hearts and wellspring of tears:

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

The truth of the matter is that our faith in God does not dehumanize us. God has not promised us a life of ease, free from heartaches and tragedy; but He has promised to be with us:

“When you pass thru the waters, I (the Lord) will be with you;  
Thru the rivers, they will not overflow you; thru  
the fire, you will not be burned...” (Isaiah 43:1-3)

The prerequisite for “the peace of God which passes all human understanding” (Philippians 4:7) is found in Philippians 4:6 – “Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Also, Isaiah reminds us: – “God will keep his/her in perfect peace whose mind is resting on your God.”

Have a blessed week!  
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