

“The Author of Peace”

By McKade Marshall

Do you ever feel unsettled during the day? I know I do. You are about to leave the house, and you spill your coffee on your white shirt right before you put the car in reverse. You are running late to your child’s soccer practice, and you hit a traffic jam. You thought you had everything packed for the weekend road trip and remember you forgot your toiletry bag 50 miles out. Life is full of delays, setbacks, and unwanted conflict. How we respond when life isn’t moving along as smoothly as we would like is up to us.

You must decide ahead of time to keep your peace no matter what life brings your way.

Learning to keep your peace is a sign of spiritual maturity. While we all sometimes catch ourselves saying or doing something we shouldn’t, every day we have a new opportunity to come up higher and put on a good attitude. The Scriptures say in Ephesians 4:31-32 (ESV), “Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” We are living in a world where many people are easily offended, quick to get angry, and ready to fight and argue their case. God did not design us in His own image so that we would always walk around in “fight mode”.

One of the reasons for all of the discord we see and feel in the world around us comes from people being at unrest on the inside. The enemy has deceived us in our identity. The truth is unless you know Jesus Christ personally and know who God says you are through His Word and by His Spirit, then you don’t know who you are at all. *The Bible tells us in Romans 11:36 (NASB), “For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.”* Friends, everyone and everything comes from God. The only way to know who you are is to know the One who created you. The Creator is the definer. He tells you who you are.

God already knows what He has designed you to do.

Trying to go through life without consulting the One who created all life results in madness. We need God. We need His Holy Spirit and His counsel. There is a spiritual war happening right now, and you have an enemy in the unseen spiritual realm named Satan. The devil despises you because you are made in the image of God. The good news today is that through Jesus Christ you have authority over him. Your faith is what overcomes this world (1 John 5:4). When you believe in God, trust in His Word, and are tuned in to His Spirit, you are walking in the peace and authority of God. It is when we stop believing that we give the enemy a foothold to do serious damage to our souls.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT) tells us, “Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.” The number one way to be stopped from entering the promised land God has prepared for you is unbelief. Unbelief is what keeps you from having spiritual eyes and wisdom from above. Unbelief is the ultimate sin that can land you in hell for eternity (see Hebrews 3:11-12). The world and the true followers of God are going opposite directions. You cannot be friends with the world and a friend of God (James 4:4). We are living in a time where the line in the sand is being drawn between the believing and the unbelieving.

The god of this world (the devil) and the God (capital G) of all things have nothing in common. You cannot serve both. You must choose. This is why every day we should declare over our homes, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!” (Joshua 24:15). Whenever we find ourselves struggling in unbelief, this is especially the time to get around other believers. Being in fellowship with other Christians and reading the Bible are imperative to your spiritual walk with God. God is the Word, and His Spirit is housed inside of His people. We need both His Word in us and His people around us in order to fulfill God’s call on our lives. A soldier without a commander or an army to support him or her is not going to go very far in the heat of intense warfare.

We are living in a great spiritual war right now.

The reason there is so much civil unrest and confusion in the world today is because there is a spiritual war happening all around us. The moment you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, you were enrolled in God's heavenly army. You are a good soldier of Christ (see 2 Timothy 2:3-4). Your job now is to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). When you keep your peace, you are destroying the devil's work (Romans 16:20). God is the author of peace. He wrote the book on being a peacemaker. He is the God of order and decency. **1 Corinthians 14:33 (NKJV) says, "For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints."**

There is a natural order of things. If you are feeling confused, I want to encourage you to seek the Lord and His presence. When you listen to worship music, read the Bible, pray, and hang around other believers, you are stirring up the Holy Spirit in you. The spirit of confusion cannot hang around when God shows up. There are times when I am going about my day, and all of the sudden I will begin to feel turmoil in my spirit. As a minister, I know that the enemy is always looking for ways to get me off track. Sometimes these demonic attacks come at me strong, but I have to remind myself to not go by my feelings in the moment. When the enemy comes at me one way, the Scriptures say that he must flee seven ways (Deuteronomy 28:7).

Anyone who dares to step out boldly for Christ and partake in kingdom ministry is going to face physical and spiritual opposition. I hear from people all the time whom I am involved with in ministry who face spiritual attacks. The good news is we have authority to take charge and defeat the enemy when he comes at us. The devil trembles at the name of Jesus! Darkness must flee when the light of Christ is turned on. In and of yourself, you cannot get free of the devil's snares. It is in the name and authority of Jesus, the Son of God, that we possess unlimited, heavenly power to defeat the devil every single time.

You have complete authority over the devil in Jesus' name.

You are not a victim of the devil. You are a warrior, conqueror, and champion because of Christ in you. Addictions, wrong thinking, bad habits, illnesses, and generational curses can all be broken under the blood of Jesus. There is no sin or failure of the past that can keep you from experiencing the freedom Christ has to offer to all who believe in Him. The moment you come into agreement with God and His Word, the power of the Holy Spirit goes to work. This is why we should continually be filling our minds with the Scriptures and the promises of God. For those battling mental illness, declare love, power, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7) - you have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16). For those struggling financially, declare God is supplying all of your needs according to His great riches (Philippians 4:19). For those going through a divorce, declare God has new beginnings straight up ahead (Jeremiah 29:11).

For any of life's battles, God has a promise to encourage your heart. There is nothing you are going through that God is not aware of. The Lord is the author of peace. He knows how to bring all the broken pieces back into perfect order. Every morning I pray that God would bring order and alignment to my life. I pray that He would order my steps (Psalm 37:23), that He would go before me and make my crooked places straight (Isaiah 45:2). In order to see God's promises come to pass, we must declare what His promises are. **The prayers you pray and the words you speak are powerful.** The words that are coming out of your mouth on a continual basis are what determine the course your life is going to take. Declaring God's praises is how you stir up your faith.

Faith releases power.

A few weeks ago one of our ministry partners, Tanner Scott, was filming a *Word of the Week* video. As Tanner was filming, I was in the other room playing with my puppies and minding my own business. As I started to overhear Tanner speak, I could hear the authority behind Tanner's voice and the anointing he carried. The anointing on him was so strong that I became overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit. Through a vision I began to see a great gust of wind sweep through the room. The Holy Spirit filled the entire venue, and I heard an angel as clear as someone speaking through a microphone say my name. My head began to turn towards the voice, and as I looked I could see a huge angel in the room. The Holy Spirit kept turning my head to the exact same spot and to the voice speaking to me over and over. The power of the Spirit came over me so strong I almost fell to the floor!

This divine encounter with God's presence was ushered in by the faith of Tanner as he gave a gospel message in the other room. From being around Tanner, I already know the Lord has given him the gift of faith (see 1 Corinthians 12:9). Tanner may not have even known he was ushering in the power of the Holy Spirit, but because of the spiritual gifting on him the Lord showed up in a profound way. This is why it is so important that we spend time with other believers. *We all need each other and the gifts God has given us to help build up the Church.* Whenever you find yourself struggling to

believe, the best thing you can do is get around someone who will believe for you and with you. Having someone of faith that you can call to pray for you is how you can overcome in times of difficulty.

Right now I believe God is bringing peace and divine order into various situations in your life.

The Apostle Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 14:40 (NLT), “Be sure that everything is done properly and in order.” Things have to be done legitimately if we are going to rise higher in life. God is a legitimate God. I’ve heard people say in wisdom that there are no shortcuts in life. Things need to be done in proper order. Whether in the church, in your business, or in handling family & relationship matters, there needs to be a certain level of peace and order. When things are handled properly, healing and life can come. I’m learning this in this ministry, as things continue to grow rapidly. When MLM Publishing incorporated as a non-profit a few months ago, the ministry began to grow even faster than before!

Besides recently being approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, MLM Publishing now has new branches of ministry beginning to form. New people are starting to get involved with the ministry. Not only are *Word of the Week* gospel videos touching lives in countries all over the world every week, now we have new ministry partners besides myself who present these weekly gospel messages. I am excited to see new smiling faces share a *Word of the Week* message, and I am sure those who have followed along all these years are excited too! In addition to new people presenting gospel videos, MLM Publishing is in the early stages of launching a web TV show, a prison ministry, a prophetic word ministry, and a bi-monthly Bingo Night fundraiser.

MLM Publishing began in 2014 with just an idea from God and a computer with a blank screen. As the Holy Spirit gave me the words I typed out what would eventually become my first book *Tasting the Goodness of God: 31 Daily Devotionals for Everyday Living*. Shortly thereafter, *Breathe: And Bring Your Dreams to Life!* was written in 2016, and *Finding Your Keys: 12 Keys to Living in God’s Kingdom* was released in 2018. Today my fourth book on Israel is almost complete. The anointing and the calling to write came after years of hardship and spending almost an entire year of reading through the Bible from cover to cover.

In the same way, you have a specific calling from God.

Today I believe God is releasing His anointing on you so you can run the race He has set before you. I consider you a partner in this ministry. Your prayers and ongoing support are what have caused this ministry to flourish and reach people all over the globe. We are all running for the upward call of God as brothers and sisters in Christ (Philippians 3:14). We are in this together, and I believe together we are going to win! The kingdom of Heaven is going to overpower the gates of Hell in this world because we are still here calling in God’s goodness and salvation. MLM Publishing continues to grow on a daily basis because of prayer partners and generous donors like you. We could not continue to reach more people every day with gospel videos, newsletters, and books without the prayers of our faithful partners in ministry.

When I first began writing gospel newsletters in 2014, only a handful of people received the first seasonal newsletter in Texas and California. **Today gospel newsletters are traveling to people in all 50 US states PLUS 10 countries abroad every three months!** At the end of 2016, the Lord laid it upon my heart to begin filming weekly gospel videos for my readers and viewers. These weekly videos are called *Word of the Week*. Since January 1, 2017, over 220 Sunday evening *Word of the Week* messages have been edited, uploaded, emailed, and shared with people all over the world. Weekly emails are sent to subscribers in all 50 US states, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Japan, Australia, Cape Verde, Canada, Denmark, Kenya, Trinidad and Tobago, the Emirates, the United Kingdom (Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales & England), Sweden, Ethiopia, New Zealand, Ireland, Israel, and Italy.

By faith I’m still calling in all 195 countries of the world, and I invite you to join me through prayer and giving in this divine quest to reach more souls with the gospel message of salvation and God’s goodness.

For those who are counting sheep (or in this case, countries!), gospel emails are reaching 19 out of 195 countries every week. We are almost 10% of the way there! Gospel newsletters are physically mailed out to 11 of these 19 countries. I am still believing by faith that one day the books, videos, shows, newsletters, and other media produced by MLM Publishing will touch souls in every single country of the world for God’s Kingdom. *If you have a moment, please stop and pray for this mass media ministry.* I believe prayer is the rocket fuel that is going to launch us to the next level! Also, please prayerfully consider donating to help reach more souls for God’s Kingdom. Men and women from all over the world have given online and donated by mail. 100% of every donation is used to promote ads to reach new people

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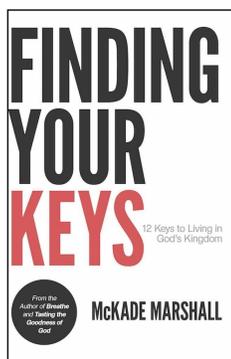
I declare this spring you are walking in the peace of God. The Author of Peace is restoring the broken pieces of your life. He is opening the books of Heaven and revealing to you the next chapter of life He has had planned from before time began. You are walking in your divine calling and fulfilling every page of life God has already written in Heaven. The Lord is revitalizing your friendships and relationships with new life and bringing new people across your path. You are rising higher and are going to experience God's love, power, favor, and peace like never before. With the Lord's help, there is nothing you cannot accomplish! I love you so much, and I am praying for you every single day.

Walking in His Peace,

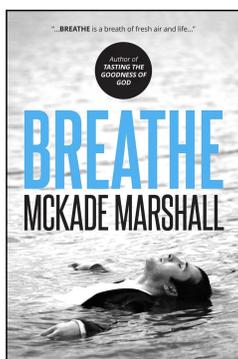


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