

## Chasing Peace! .....AND FINDING IT

*Psalm 37:7-11: {7a}: Be Still. Rest in the Lord... Wait patiently on Him.... Cease from anger and Forsake fret... Inherit the earth... and they will Delight themselves in the abundance of PEACE!* Psalm 37:7-11: {7a}

Whew, what an abundance of Peace. Those key words: be still, rest, wait, cease, forsake, inherit, delight, are all verbs: action words. They are polite commands from our Lord in very clear terms. WHY? In the KJV, "**peace**" appears no less than 479 times.

And today, {a sunny "pajama Saturday" in my busy life,} I love and **found it**, in my Today's Light series I spoke of in January.© I really needed some **PEACE**. I had deadlines, two dear ones in Hospice, three memorials just last month that left me sad. My heavy heart needed some peace and uplifting. Like most of you, I bet, we are taught to go to the Psalms.

I had three days to catch up on my "*Heavenly homework*."

*SO, HERE'S WHERE YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME:* At 2 a.m., sleepless and searching, just two thin pages from where I was supposed to find Psalm 52 for the lesson, tucked inside Psalm 37: 7, was an index card, punched and tied with a **purple** ribbon; someone at an old Trinity LWML Bible study, had carefully written out for me, "*Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.*" And I had tucked in a sticky note, with my own handwriting.

It said " 7-11...I need to en**JOY** great **peace** from dawn to dusk." That kind of makes today a bit of blessed, Spirit-led, serendipitous\* day. I so trust for the Lord to guide me in my study. I get really excited when the Lord leads me thru the Bible, chasing 479 times "the Peace" that passes all understanding. {\*making desirable discoveries by accident.}

There is no accidents, luck, or fortune though. Immersing in the Word is like a great hot bubble bath, when your body and mind ache. And I said to myself, "I wish this was contagious like what's all the other things around us now. "

**Chasing Peace! .....AND FINDING IT this morning** has just so reinforced my being today. It balanced my heavy heart to be in prayer for my sisters in Christ, and now the many things to come..... I truly felt strengthened, and renewed energy surged my very being.

We are all sweating deadlines to get our reports in to Carole in two days. We are all focusing on good weather roads to travel the distance. I "**trip-checked**" all four corners and I-5, and each of our Board of Directors women come two to three hours to gather & enjoy the hospitality of the wonderful women of Trinity Lutheran, Cottage Grove.©

Our Board ladies and dear President Carmen have great camaraderie, and I am so jazzed.

I pray the Holy Spirit richly bless and calm and assure those coming to enjoy the Leader Workshop Friday night, explore the fresh approaches planned from 4-7 that opening evening, including Pizza Party Time! We are fine-tuning the next day, every final detail we can think-through, come to Listen-Network, and will come away having detailed Knowledge of:

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to **SING! TELL! DECLARE!** And then my Bible fell right open to the Hebrew covenant **promise itself:** Numbers 6: 24-27. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

*Yours TRULY, my FEBRUARY HUG IN A MUG Pat Reck, Chairman, Leader Development*