



Wednesday Night Devotion
January 26, 2022

Something Good

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Bible Reading: Matthew 24:4-7

"Tonight I have to memorize a bunch of dates about the Civil War," Antonio said as he and his brother and sister pulled up chairs around the kitchen table to do their homework. "We're being tested on them tomorrow." He pulled his history book out of his backpack. Julian opened his history book too. "Well, I'm learning about Revolutionary War battles. They're not so easy to keep straight either." Armed with a newspaper, scissors, paper, and a glue stick, Camila grinned at her brothers. "Don't you wish you were in my grade? All I have to do is to cut out articles for our current events project." The kids worked quietly for a while; then Camila sighed. "All these articles are about things like hurricanes and wars and crimes and earthquakes. It would be nice to have a few good things to report." Julian looked up. "There must be something good in there. After all, politicians on TV always talk about how they're gonna make the world a better place." "Yeah," said Antonio. "They promise they're gonna fix things and get people to quit fighting and work together. But then they argue over how to do that!" Mom slipped a chicken dish into the oven. "Yes," she said, "but we really shouldn't be surprised by that." "We shouldn't? Why not?" Camila asked. "Leaders talk about peace but leave Jesus out of the picture," Mom explained. "Without Him, there will never be permanent peace on earth. The Bible says there will always be war and fighting." Camila shivered and pulled her sweater closer. "That's kind of scary. Who knows what awful things might be happening by the time we grow up!" "It is scary, but because we trust in Jesus, we can have peace of mind no matter what happens," said Mom, getting out lettuce to make a salad. "We know He is in control, and one day He will come back to get rid of sin forever and make everything new. Then there will finally be peace throughout the whole world--true peace that only Jesus can bring." Antonio grinned at Camila. "There you go," he said. "That's good news! Maybe you can put that in your report even if it didn't come from the paper."

-Linda Weddle

How About You? Do you wonder why there's so much bad news in the world? Does it scare you? Remember that Jesus is still in control. Trust Him--not promises made by mere humans--and enjoy peace in your heart in spite of the dreadful things that go on in the world. Look forward to the time Jesus will come again to bring peace to the whole world. Bad news will then be a thing of the past, and those who trust in Jesus will live with Him forever.

Today's Key Verse:

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7 (NKJV))

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