

## **SURRENDER**

...Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,  
Taking as He did this world as it is not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
If I surrender to His will...

### ***How do I find peace?***

#### **Accepting Hardship as a Pathway to Peace**

Jesus then began to teach his disciples. He taught them that the Son of Man must suffer many things. He taught them that the elders would not accept him. The chief priests and the teachers of the law would not accept him either. He must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke clearly about this. Peter took Jesus to one side and began to scold him...

**Mark 8:31-32**

#### **Surrendering to His Will**

He spoke clearly about this. Peter took Jesus to one side and began to scold him. Jesus turned and looked at his disciples. He scolded Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You are not thinking about the things of God. Instead, you are thinking about human things." Jesus called the crowd to him along with his disciples. He said, "If anyone wants to come after me, he must say no to himself. He must pick up his cross and follow me. If he wants to save his life, he will lose it. But if he loses his life for me and for the good news, he will save it. What good is it if someone gains the whole world but loses his soul?"

**Mark 8:32-36**

#### **Trusting God**

Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

**Psalms 37: 3-9**

## *Serenity Prayer*

*God grant me the serenity*

*To accept the things I cannot change;*

*The courage to change the things I can;*

*And the wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;*

*Enjoying one moment at a time;*

*Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;*

*Taking, as He did, this world as it is,  
not as I would have it;*

*Trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His Will;*

*That I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.*

*Amen*

*-Reinhold Niebuhr*