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verb

- become or make larger or more extensive.
  "their business expanded into other hotels and properties"

## KINGDOM SERIES: PEACE | WEEK THREE

"Your <u>Kingdom come</u>. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10 NKJV



## **EXPAND ACADEMY VISION:**

Our heart at Expand Academy is to <u>Equip</u>, <u>Empower</u>, and <u>Expand</u> the kingdom of God, within the believer & around the globe. We will gather around the testimony of Jesus Christ. We believe as the Spirit of God kisses the Word of God; it is activated to produce eternal fruit in our lives.

# Let's expand the Kingdom of God!

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples of to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20



#### RECAP:

- We squeezed on Matthew 11:28-30
- We also hit Isaiah 55:3



<u>6</u>For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given;

And the government will be upon His shoulder.

And His name will be called

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,

**Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** 

<u>7</u>Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end,

Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice

From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

Sin disrupted God's shalom, bringing division to the harmonious relationship between Adam and Eve. They experienced shame and guilt, between people and God, and ultimately in families, communities, cities, between people groups, and even in God's good creation. God still did not give up on reconciliation & wholeness.

Shalom appears 397 times in the Old Testament in which 113 times translates as "peace." "Shalom recognizes the relationship between peace and justice."



Winds and Waves Obey Jesus-

<u>35</u>On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." <u>36</u>Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. <u>37</u>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. <u>38</u>But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" <u>39</u>Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace,[g] be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. <u>40</u>But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How[<u>h</u>] is it that you have no faith?" <u>41</u>And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

Mark 4:35-39 NKJV



Justice- Just behavior or treatment

Peace- the byproduct of being in a right relationship with God. The presence of God.

Shalom bridges the gap between justice and peace. The justice and peace of the Lord comes from the facts that God sees your situation and He is with you in your situation. He cares for you, and He has not lost sight of you. The Lord of Heavens Armies fights your battles. Shalom is a deep understanding in the core of who you are that the Prince of Peace is with you, always and forever. The same Prince of Peace that walks with you in your present and your days ahead is the same Prince of Peace that encounters you and covers your days behind.

Shalom- nothing missing, nothing lacking, and nothing broken. Jesus will catch you & He will cover you.



### HEAVEN'S ESTABLISHMENT:

The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. How can the Kingdom of God be established in our lives in a greater way today?

We can never establish or released what we have not first received. The Kingdom has to be established first within our lives before it's established through our lives.

lets do some inventory: Whose power do you rest in?

We leaned into accessing the promise of Isaiah 9:6-7. The key to accessing a greater understanding of peace and justice.

- 1. Do you rely on your own power to provide peace?
- 2. Shalom bridges the gap between justice and peace. Have you received the invitation into God's shalom?
- 3. A characteristic of Shalom is harmony. That starts with your communion with God. Are you one with Him?

#### Holy Spirit,

Bring me into a deeper place of Shalom? Unravel all of the hindrances that are interfering with me living in Shalom. In Jesus name, amen