



A Not So Silent Night

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Introduction:

- Christmas is coming ☺
- Some parts of Christmas are stressful

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born; and she gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the village inn. **Luke 2:6-7**

Finding “Silent Nights” and days

Three main sources of stress:

- When circumstances are _____
- When people are _____
- When problems are _____

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:6**

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid. **John 14:27**

1. Accept God's _____

So now, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith in his promises, we can have real peace with him because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

Romans 5:1

LORD, who is a God like you? You forgive sin. You forgive your people when they do what is wrong. You don't stay angry forever. Instead, you take delight in showing your faithful love to them.

Micah 7:18

2. Recognize God's _____

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

Isaiah 26:3

3. Obey God's _____ and follow _____

Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

Psalms 119:165

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

Philippians 4:11-12

Next Steps:

- Today, I accept God's forgiveness and pardon for all that I have done wrong, and I let go of the guilt from my past
- When I experience stress and chaos in my life, I will look to God first instead of the problem
- I put my trust in God for : _____
- Pray for me; I don't experience very much of God's peace in my life
- _____