

# "Jesus Prince of Peace"

Conclusion to the series: "Unwrapping Christmas: The Greatest Gift of All"

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

*(Matthew 14:23-32 NIV)*

## **God uses some storms to grow our faith.**

*"After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them..."(Matthew 14:23-25 NIV)*

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28 NIV)*

## **Peace comes as we look for Jesus in the midst of the storm.**

*"When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.' 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.' 'Come,' he said..." (Matthew 14:26-29 NIV)*

## **Faith is activated and peace is found by obeying His voice.**

*"...Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus." (Matthew 14:29 NIV)*

## **Maintain peace by focusing on Jesus, not the storm.**

*"But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down." (Matthew 14:30-32 NIV)*

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7 NIV)*