

# SELAH Devo “The Way of Peace”

*Based on Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12*

## S — STOP

Slow down for a moment. Put your phone on silent. Breathe.

Think about one area of your life right now that feels **unsettled**: a conflict, a stress, a relationship, something inside you that feels “off.”

Don't try to fix it. Just notice it.

## E — EXHALE

Take a slow breath out.

Let go of the version of “peace” you might usually chase:  
the idea that peace is just *everyone leaving you alone*,  
or a day with no homework,  
or a break from drama,  
or a quiet room where nothing bothers you.

Exhale the idea that peace = avoiding problems.

Let it go.

## L — LOOK

Open your mind to what God says peace actually is.

**Look to Jesus, the righteous King Isaiah promised.**

A King who brings real peace by healing what's broken, not by ignoring it.

Look at the image Isaiah painted:  
wolves and lambs together,  
danger becoming safety,  
fear becoming trust,  
a broken world becoming whole.

Look at the call of John the Baptist:

**Prepare the way. Make the paths straight.**

Peace doesn't come through pretending. It comes through clearing space for God to work.

Look at Paul's reminder:

**God is the One who fills us with peace** when we trust Him, not when life is perfect.

Which part of that picture of peace stands out to you today?

## **A — ASK**

Ask God to show you what's getting in the way of His peace in your life.

Pray something like this:

“Jesus, show me what's crooked in me that You want to make straight. Show me what needs to change, heal, or be torn down so Your peace can grow. Help me trust You enough to let You work in me.”

Then ask yourself quietly:

- **Is there something I need to repent of — a habit, attitude, or sin that's stealing my peace?**
- **Is there someone I need to forgive or apologize to?**
- **Is there something in my life God is calling me to restore instead of avoid?**
- **Where am I trying to control everything instead of trusting Jesus?**

Let whatever rises to the surface be the thing you bring to God.

## **H — HEAR**

Sit for a moment and listen.

What do you sense God whispering to your heart?

Maybe something like:

- “I'm not done with you.”
- “Let Me rebuild what's broken.”
- “You don't have to fake it.”
- “My peace is stronger than what you're facing.”
- “Trust Me. I'm already at work.”

Hold onto whatever you hear. Let it guide you into small group time.

**The peace of Jesus doesn't come from avoiding conflict. It comes from letting the King reign.**

Let His peace begin in you today.