



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

PART TWO

The Power of TODAY

Peace That Governs Your Heart

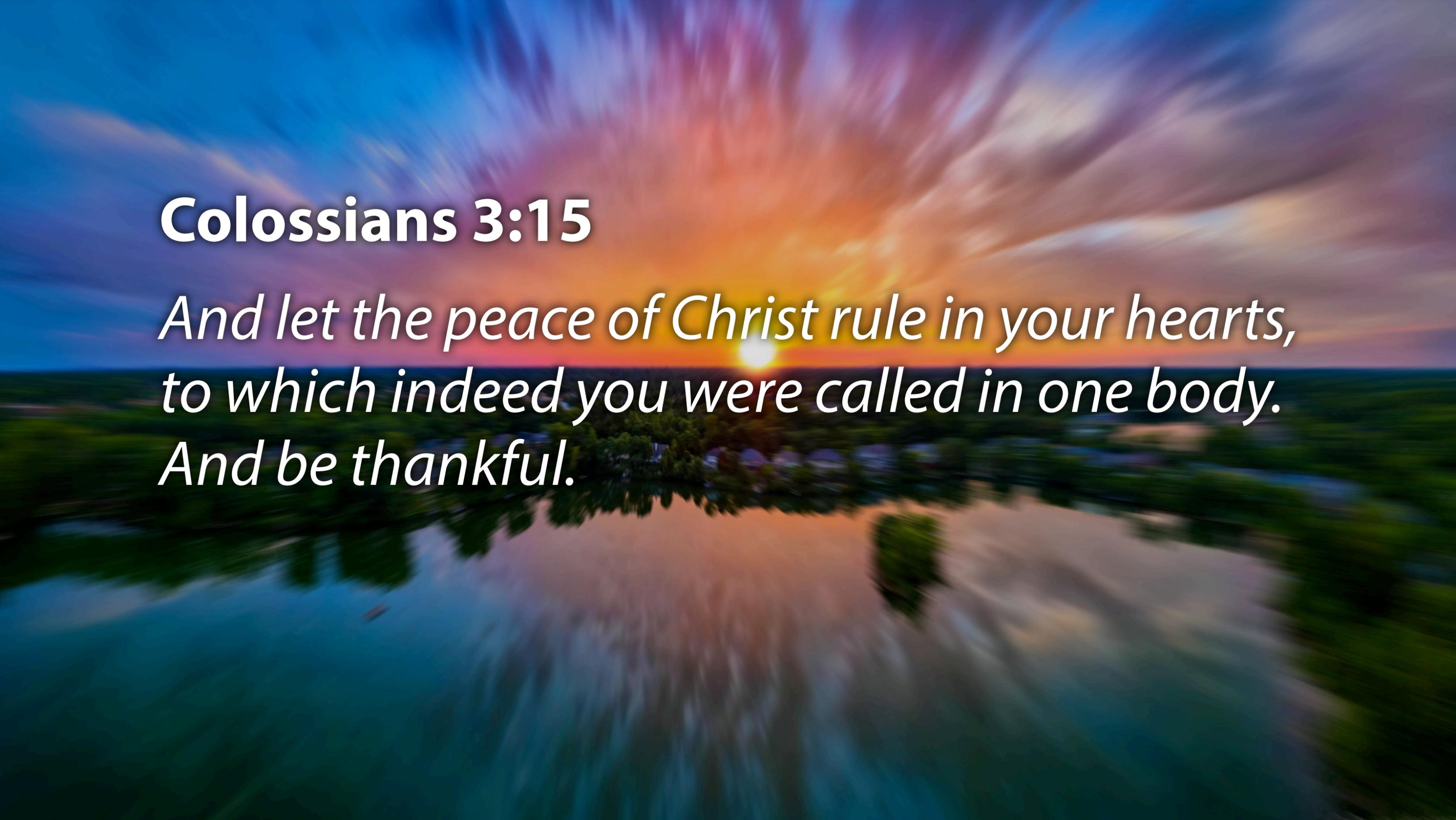
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A vibrant sunset over a body of water with a road leading towards the horizon. The sky is filled with streaks of purple, pink, and orange, with the sun low on the horizon. The water in the foreground reflects the colors of the sky, and a road curves through the landscape towards the horizon.

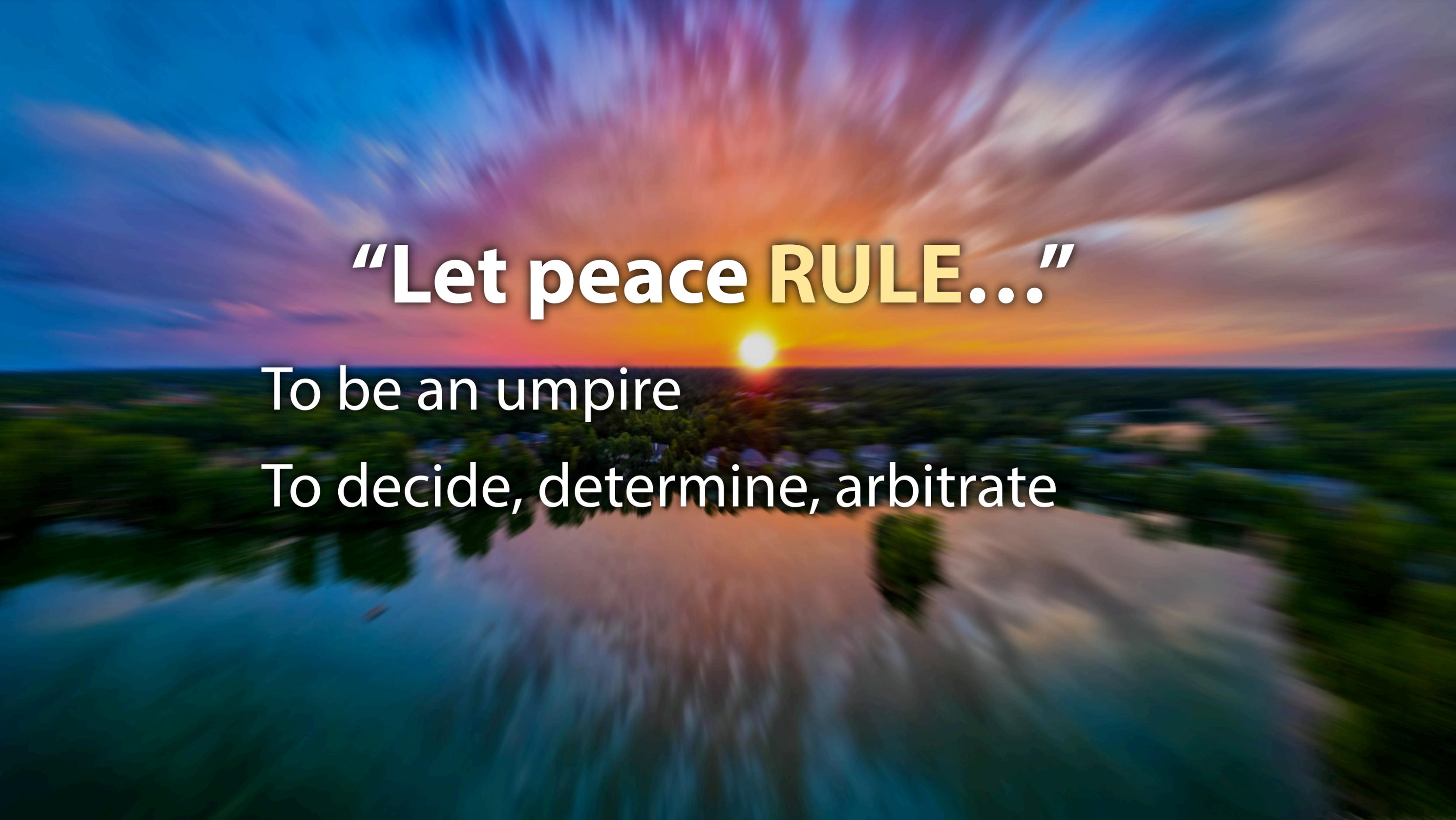
2 Corinthians 4:16 (NKJV)

*Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our **outward man** is perishing, yet the **inward man** is being renewed day by day.*

A vibrant sunset scene with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky. The sky transitions from deep blue on the left to soft purple and pink on the right. Below the horizon, a body of water reflects the colors of the sky and the silhouettes of trees. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Colossians 3:15

*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in one body.
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A vibrant sunset scene with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection on the water below. The sky is a mix of deep blues, purples, and oranges, with wispy clouds. The water is dark and still, mirroring the colors of the sky and the sun. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

“Let peace RULE...”

To be an umpire

To decide, determine, arbitrate

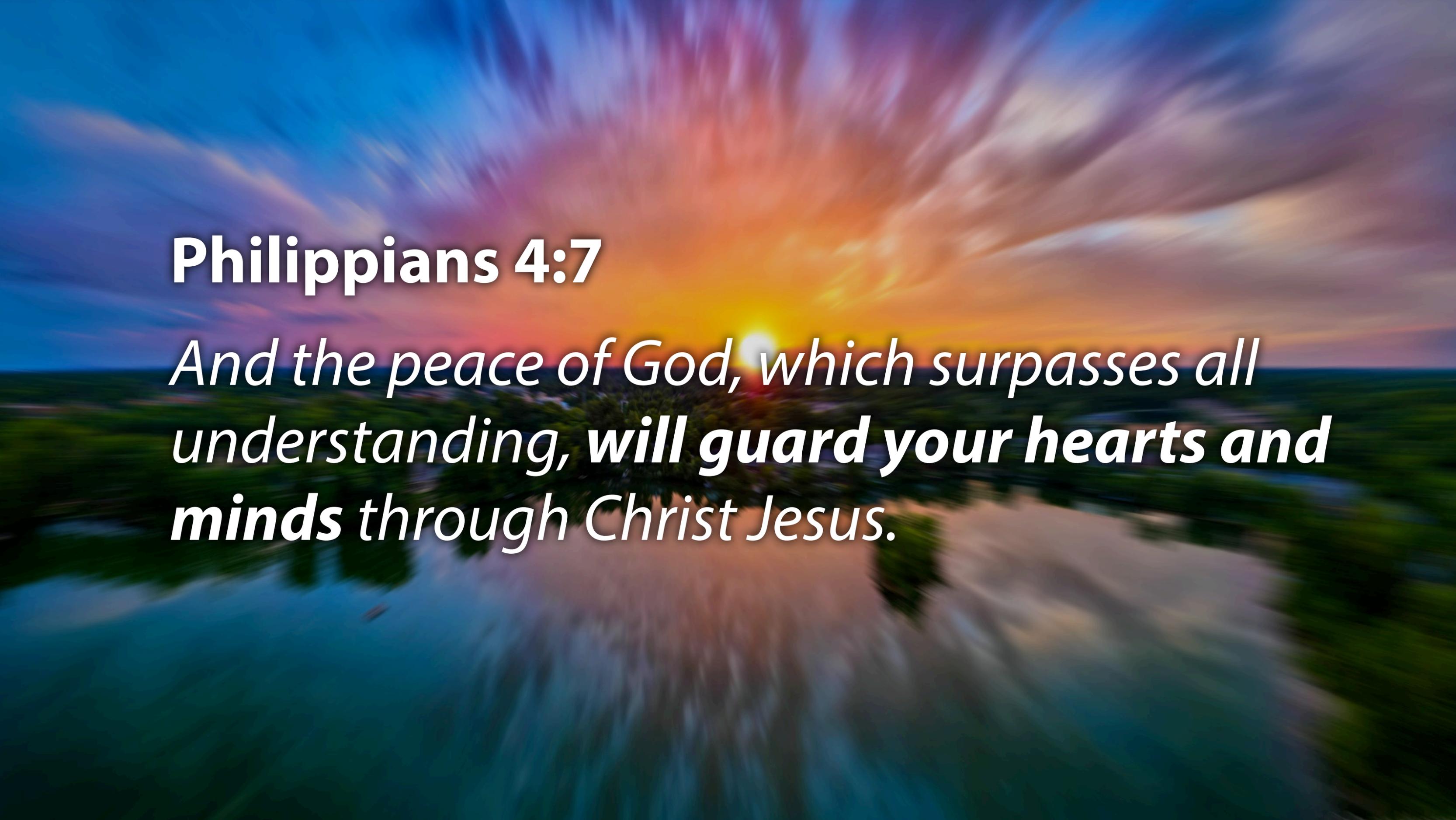
Psalm 37:1

Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

*7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—**it only causes harm.***

Two Kinds of Peace

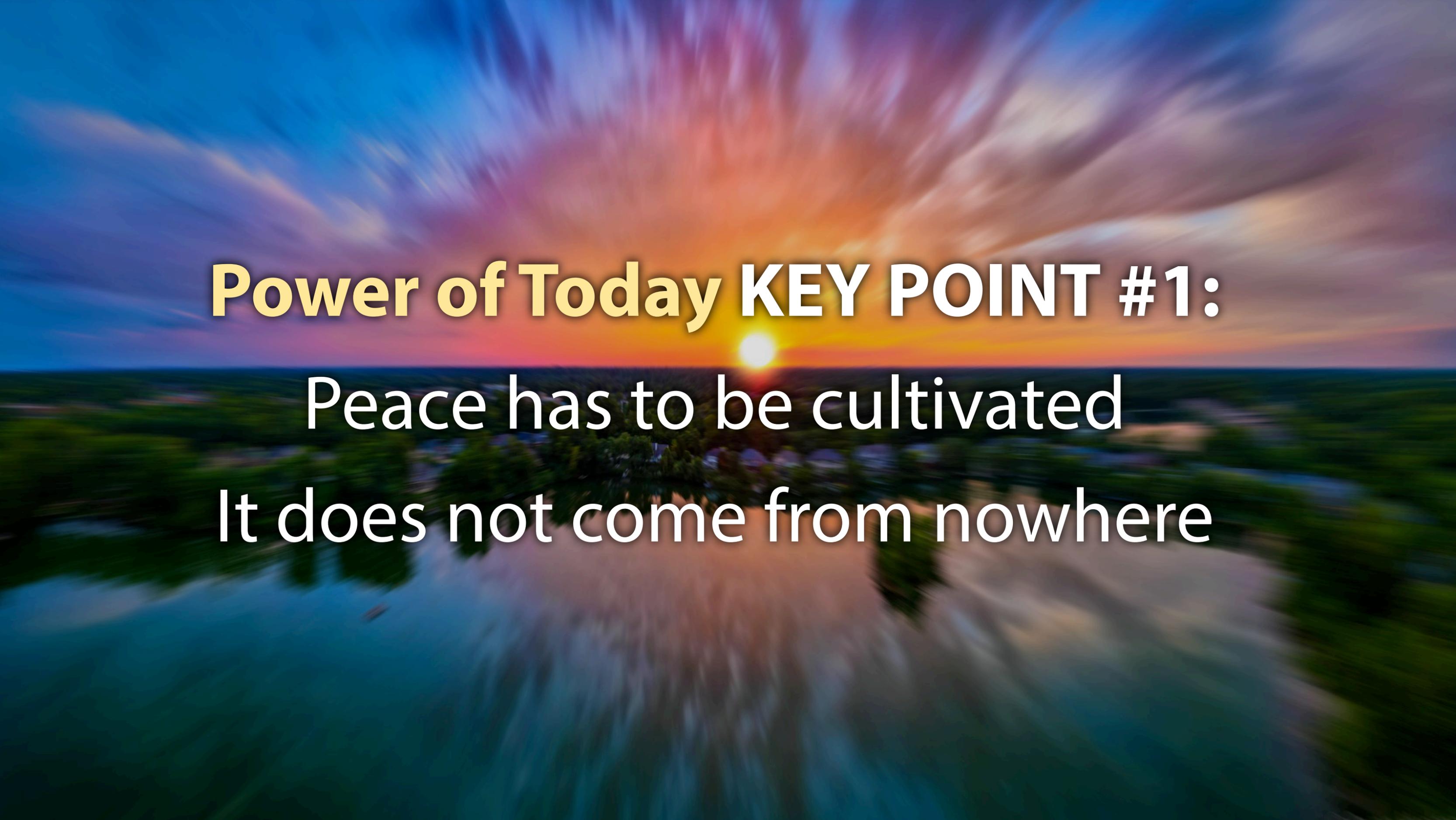
1. Peace is a state where one is in right relationship with God.
2. Peace is a mental/emotional state where there is an absence of conflict and freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts. We call this "peace of mind."



Philippians 4:7

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, **will guard your hearts and minds** through Christ Jesus.*

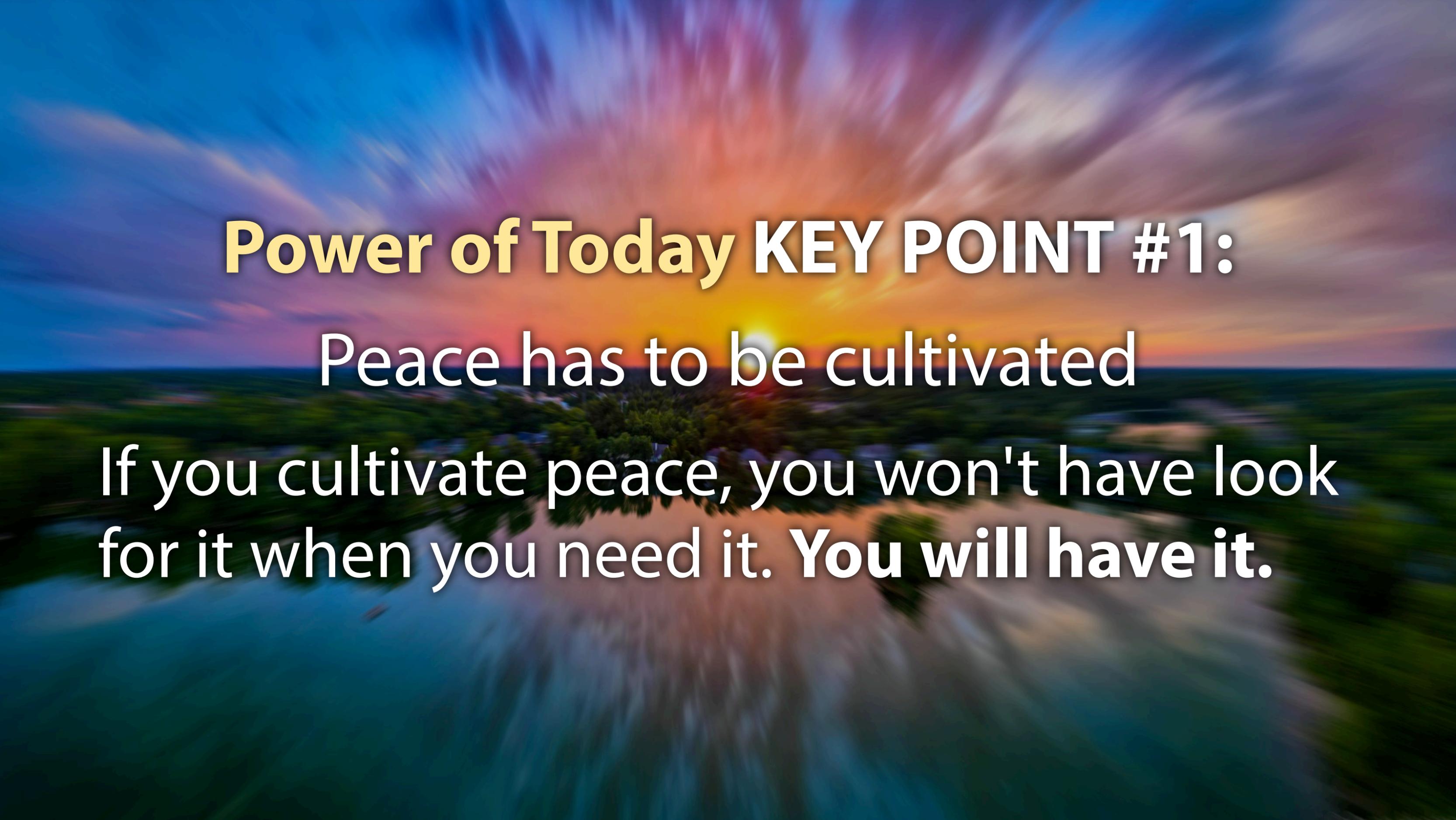
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- A vibrant sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of blue, purple, and pink. The water is calm, and the reflection of the sun and sky is clearly visible. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.
1. Peace is beyond your comprehension
 2. Peace will guard your hearts and minds, like sentinel



Power of Today **KEY POINT #1:**

Peace has to be cultivated

It does not come from nowhere



Power of Today KEY POINT #1:

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If you cultivate peace, you won't have look for it when you need it. **You will have it.**

Power of Today KEY POINT #2:

Where does peace come from?

Peace comes from Jesus Christ

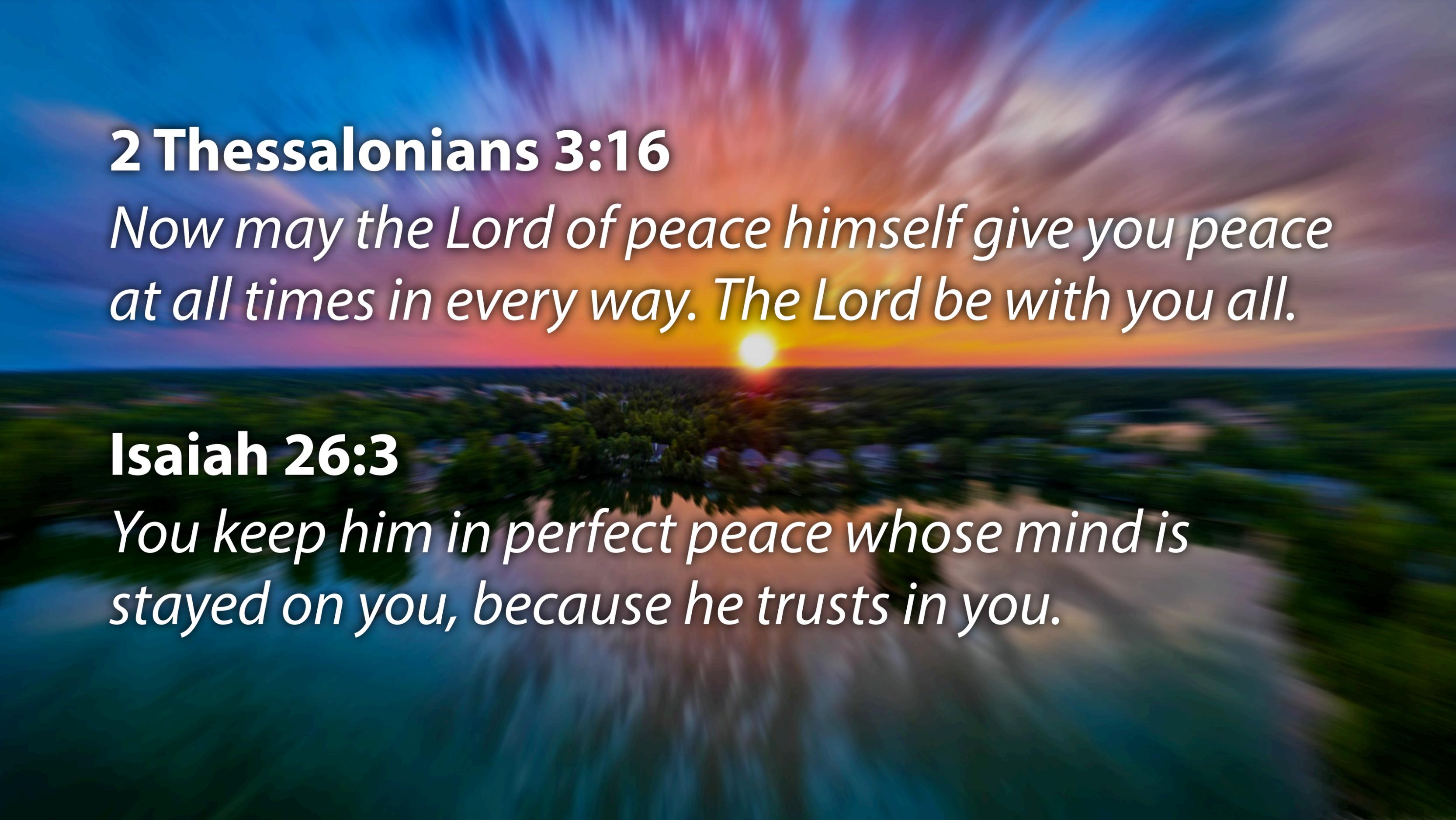
John 14:27, *Peace I leave with you, My peace (eiréné - εἰρήνη) I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*



“Peace is not only freedom from trouble but everything that makes for a one’s highest good.” ~ William Barclay

John 16:33,

*I have said these things to you, that in me **you may have peace.** In the world **you will have tribulation.** But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

A sunset over a body of water with a palm tree in the foreground. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The water is dark and reflects the colors of the sky. A palm tree is visible in the foreground, its silhouette dark against the water.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

Isaiah 26:3

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

Power of Today KEY POINT #3:

Paths That Cultivate Peace

- Prayer
- Worship
- Reading Scripture
- Thinking on good things
- Minding your environment & relationships

TODAY: Reflection & Application

1. In what ways I am being renewed TODAY?
2. Why does my life begin again TODAY? (Not starting over)
3. What hinders my awareness of TODAY?
4. Who will I encourage/exhort TODAY?
5. What streams from God's river make me glad TODAY?
6. What does MERCY mean to me TODAY?
7. What do GOD'S BENEFITS mean to me TODAY?
8. What does MY CROSS mean to me TODAY?