

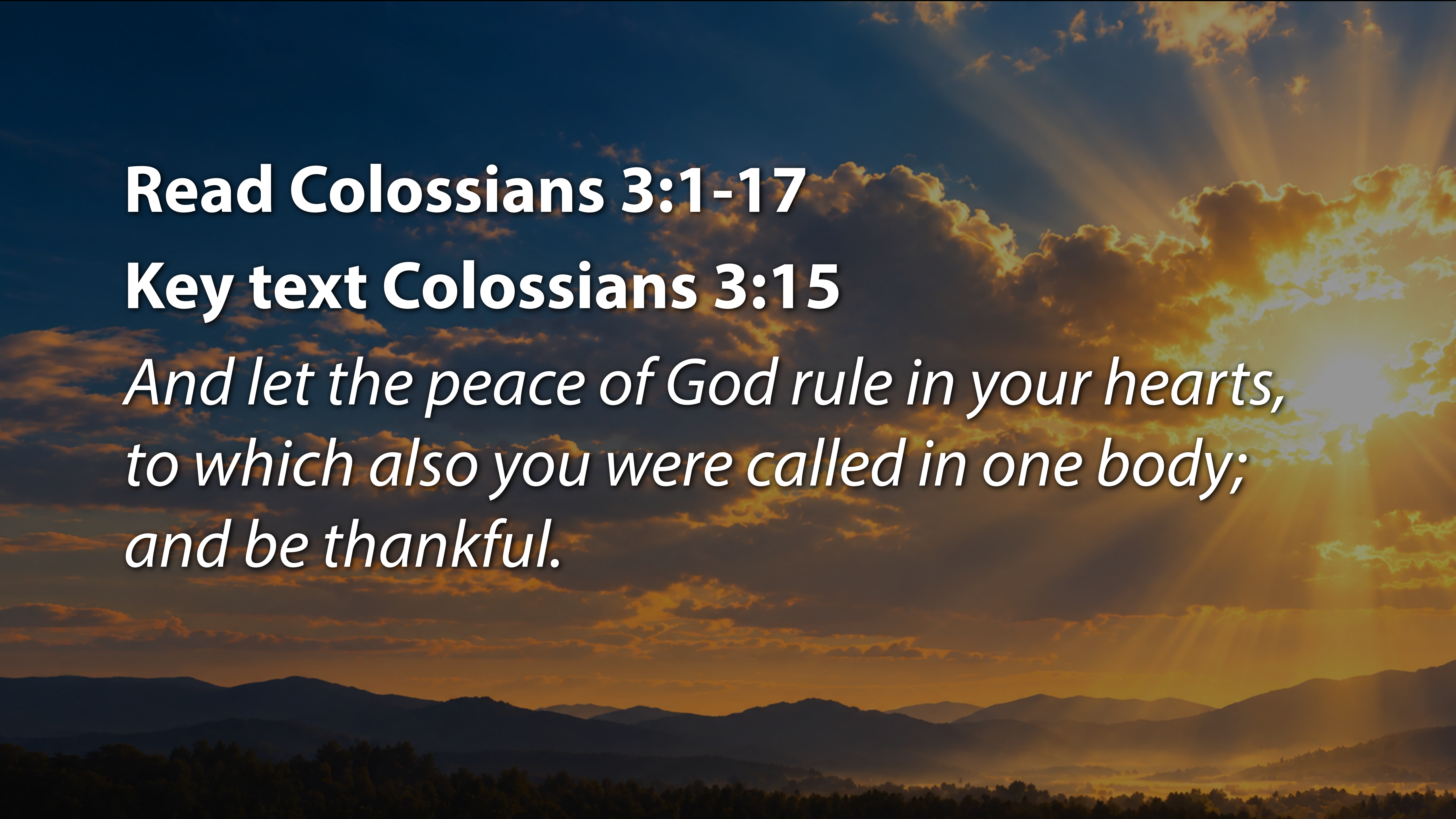


NEW COVENANT CHURCH

Matters of the Heart

Let Peace Be Your Umpire

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Read Colossians 3:1-17

Key text Colossians 3:15

*And let the peace of God rule in your hearts,
to which also you were called in one body;
and be thankful.*

Hebrews 11:3 NLT

By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.

What is the Heart?

1 Thessalonians 5:23

*Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

What is the Heart?

- The heart denotes the center of all physical and spiritual life.
- It is the fountain and seat of passions, desires, appetites, intelligence, will, and character.
- So our heart is our spirit and soul together; that's the center of our being.

You are Spirit, Soul & Body

- Your soul is your mind, will, and emotions
- This explains how we can have light, peace, joy, and stability in our spirit, but still have trouble in our hearts because our soul is affected

Your Spirit is Your Stable Foundation

Romans 8:16, *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.*

1 Corinthians 6:17, *But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.*

2 Corinthians 5:17, *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

Let Peace Rule

- The root or key to everything is to ***let the peace of God rule in our hearts.***
- The Greek word for “rule” is βραβεύω (brabeuō).
- It carries the idea of acting as an umpire, deciding, directing, or determining an outcome.

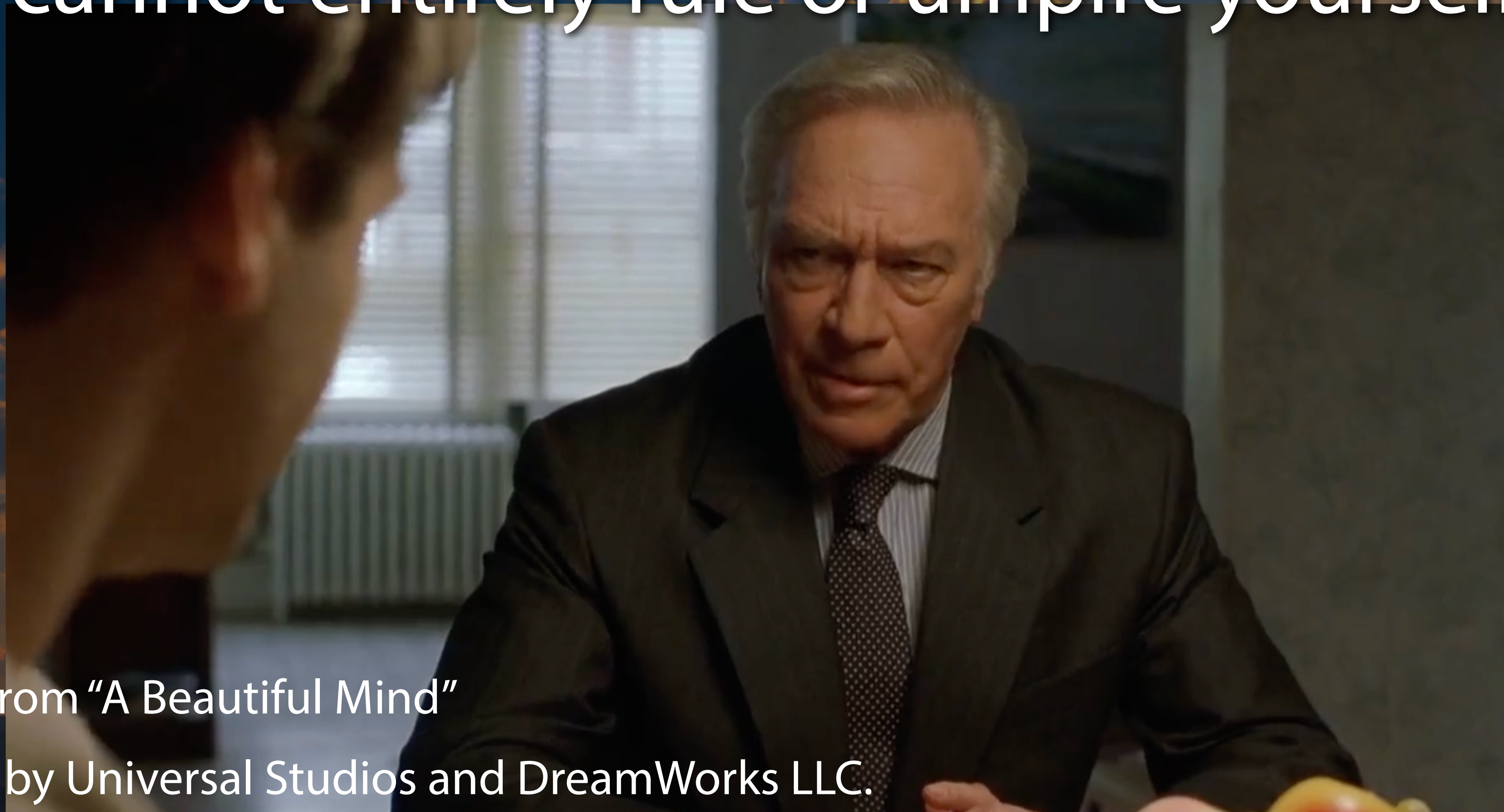
Let Peace Rule

Colossians 3:15, *And **let the peace of God rule** in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.*

- The key to everything is to let the peace of God rule in our hearts.
- Rule like an umpire in baseball

Let Peace Rule

You cannot entirely rule or umpire yourself...



Scene from "A Beautiful Mind"

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What is Peace?

- Peace is not merely an emotion we experience; it is something we allow to govern us.
- Allow peace to make the ruling. Let peace make the call. Let peace rule.
- ***Don't allow mindsets and emotions to rule:***
Betrayal, Hurt, Trauma, Disappointment, Things that have not worked yet, Envy, Unforgiveness, Bitterness, Resentment, Entitlement.

Why Peace Needs to Rule

- We have to let peace rule because God is not going to force anything upon us. If you don't want it, it won't come.
- That's where faith in God comes in.
- The command “let” implies cooperation. God provides the peace, but we must yield to its influence.

Jesus Gives the Peace That Umpires

- The peace that Jesus gives is unlike any other

John 14:27, *Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.*

CONFESSION

I will allow the peace of God to rule my heart.
Peace will be my umpire. Peace will decide what I
will do or not do.

When I am facing a challenge, I won't try to
reason my way around it without the help of the
Holy Spirit and Scripture. As a matter of the heart,
I will go to the heart level to address things that I
don't fully understand.

CONFESSION

God is Spirit, so I must worship and live through him in spirit and in truth.

According to 1 Thessalonians 5:23, I will allow the God of peace to sanctify me completely so that my whole spirit, soul, and body will be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I will live, according to the order of spirit, soul, body. Not the reverse order of body, soul, spirit.

CONFESSION

Peace will govern my heart and mind, not mindsets and emotions such as hurt, trauma, disappointment, things that have not worked as I expected, envy, unforgiveness, bitterness, resentment, and entitlement.

Jesus gives the peace that umpires my life.

I agree with what He said in John 14:27 *"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you"*