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DAD BIBLE JOKE:

· What do you call it when Batman skips church? Christian Bale

BIBLE VERSES REFERENCED DURING SERMON:

- · Isaiah 54:10
- · John 16:33
- · Romans I5:13
- Colossians 3:15
- Philippians 4:7
- · Romans 5:1
- Colossians I:20
- · Hebrews 9:22
- Genesis 2:2-3
- Psalm 32:3
- Philippians 4:6-7
- Mark 4:35-41
- · Isaiah 26:3

BIBLE STUDY:

- Read Philippians 4:6-9. What are we supposed to do with the Lord?
- What does it mean to rejoice in the Lord?
- · What three things are we to embody in order to alleviate worry and anxiety? (v. 6)
- Why is thanksgiving part of the three?
- · What happens when we live our verse 8?
- Philippians 4:9 (ESV); ..."practice these things..." Why does practice mean to you? Does it mean that these things will come naturally? What normally occupies our thoughts?

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

- · Do you believe that God knows everything?
- Do you believe that God loves you and wants what is best for you?
- Do you believe that God is all powerful? What questions and problems does this create?
- What did Pastor Rick say was the result of the "peace of God?"
- Do you accept the truth that entire Word of God is real? What parts of the Bible do you struggle with?
- How do you enjoy the peace of God?
- What stresses you out? What gives you anxiety? Do you ever lose sleep over stress or anxiety?
- Pastor Rick described three different kinds of relationships with God, what is yours like? Does it change ever?



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Why did Pastor Rick say, "The crazy truth is that it is impossible for us to have a relationship with God without God doing the work of the relationship."?

- Why did Jesus have to be our substitute? Why did He have to shed His blood for us?
- Pastor Rick made this statement, "Nothing you can do will make God love you more or less for that matter." What do you think about that?
- · Why doesn't Biblical peace mean the absence of strife and hardship?
- Is it hard for you to take a break, to rest? If so, why?
- Is your soul exhausted? Why? During this forced down time where many of our normal activities have been cancelled, have you been somewhat relieved to have a slower pace of life?
- Do you worry about everything and do not pray about anything? Why is it so hard to set aside quiet time to talk with God?
- When you are having an intimate discussion with someone, are you driving? Are you
 doing other things or are you giving the other individual all of your attention?
 Why do we find it so hard to give God that same attention?
- Pastor Rick said, "Here's the prescription. Tell Me your needs. Thank Me for the answers, and you're going to experience God's peace." Why do we thank God for the answers before we see them?
- During a storm, why is it so hard to focus on Jesus? For many of us, we know this intellectually but we struggle to live it out, why?
- · What "storms" are you facing right now? Marriage, finances, work, health, kids....

Challenge yourself this week to set aside some time with God and have an open and honest conversation with Him. Lay it all out, He knows it anyway, you are not going to surprise Him. Seek Him, pursue Him, think on Him, thank Him and then the peace of God will descend upon you.