If you are like me, you can’t help notice all of the craziness and chaos that is ensuing around our country and world. Have you found yourself either caught up in the drama, worried about everything going on and obsessed with the news, or helplessly ignoring all of it residing to the fact you can’t do anything about it anyway. You are not alone, basically everyone falls into these 3 categories.

Maybe you have even opened up your Bible looking for answers or reading up on end time prophesy. The main common thread is Evil is running amuck. It is rearing its ugly head and hell bent on deceiving as many people as possible., filling them with hopelessness, depression, despair, anxiety, and a desire to run away from it all.

I remember as a kid growing up the commercial slogan “Calgon take me away!” Oh if it were that easy, but right now there doesn’t seem to be a place to escape from the madness. Except for those of us who know where our solid ground and peace comes from. A peace that passes all understanding and that is Yeshua, Jesus Christ. He is the one we put our hope in, he is the one that casts out the despair and quiets the anxie-ty. He is the one that keeps us above water and on solid rock not sinking shifting sand. And It is because we know how the story ends that we can sleep restfully at night because no matter what the enemy tries to do…. God still wins.

If nothing else, we learned from 2020 that we can’t take anything for granted. And we do not know what the future looks like, only God does. So I encourage you this summer to relax, take that time to enjoy the simple pleasures of life, like family, get togethers, camping, cruising on the water in your boat, fishing, swimming in the pool, pulling weeds in your garden or flower bed, enjoying the view from your deck or porch, conversing with the neighbors, or just sitting in the swing next to the fire pit sipping a drink with a loved one.

Whatever makes your heart happy and eases the tension, do it. We have been blessed with so many little things that bring us joy, tiny things that brighten our day and urges us to look for others that we can pass that joy onto. While none of us are guaranteed a tomorrow, we can certainly live today to the fullest regard-less of what is going on around our lives. God calls us to focus on him not the chaos, he says try me and test me, see that I am good. We know and are promised that he will provide for whatever we need physical-ly, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. May you continue to have a Blessed Summer and Pass it On!

Shalom,

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