

IN THE ZONE

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DANIEL 6:10 NIV – (10) Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

After another nights rest, I wake up and I open my window, pull the shades and curtains totally back. Open my window and I endure the beauty, the warmth. It is quiet, very quiet. I know there is chaos all around, and different thoughts come to mind, such as I am thinking about the chaos surrounding our nations, the corona virus, the countries hatred towards another, the chaos in the political arena, the demonstration of disobedience and compromise by the house of faith (The church) and even my personal status, etc. These things are the items that the enemy wants me to dwell on. But I refuse! I am not ignoring the facts, but instead, I continue to gaze out my window. I hear and see nothing but peace. It is as if I am "In a zone." I am aware of the outside chaos, but my focus stays on God. As I gaze out my window, I dwell on **verse 10**. The first question we should ask is what decree? The answer can be found in verse **(7)**.

You see, Satan is sending his minions after me because I won't give him that attention he wants. I won't panic, I won't complain, I won't cry out to him, I won't worship him (As they wanted Daniel to do). I am aware of the status surrounding me, but I know Jesus will fix it. So Satan has signed a decree to put more pressure! Scare him as much as possible (Fear). As I gaze out the window, I talk to God. I hear and experience His wisdom, His reassurance, His strength and His power. Nothing else is important! It is so peaceful to hear what He is saying and experiencing the comfort that He might not do it the way I expect, but still I know He's able.

Thank you Lord because you know and you have it under control. Therefore, I focus on doing His will for my life. I share this for a reason. God wants you to have peace, but not just any peace, but a peace that surpasses all understanding. How do you do this? How can you do this?

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 NIV - (6) Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. **(7)** And the peace of God, which transcends (SURPASSES) all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

I am not saying we just ignore the things on our minds! What I am saying is let your concern be known to God! And the peace you have never experienced, the peace you thought was only available to certain people or the peace that you thought that there is no such thing to grasping to, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Peace be with you, my brothers and sisters.

SCRIPTURE READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One way to exercise faith is to praise in the midst of your pain. Keep going.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"