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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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He's a Man of Peace

JOHN 20:19-20 NIV – (19) On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" (20) After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Monarch butterflies are the most colorful and most beautiful of all butterflies, but did you know that monarch butterflies are poisonous? They don't harm humans, but the chemicals from the milkweed plant they eat when in their larvae stage builds up in their system, providing them with a poisonous defense against predators like frogs, birds, mice and lizards.

The butterfly is also said to be a sign of peace. When I lived in Missouri, Monarch butterflies were in abundance. There are very few of these butterflies in Florida, but let me share with you a beautiful experience I had with this amazing insect just recently.

While driving my truck (the window was down), a monarch butterfly flew into my truck. It landed on my shoulder, before settling on my hand. It spread its wings, as if to remind me of its beauty. As I touched the butterfly, it just sat there, not attempting to fly away from me. It was as if the butterfly and I were very comfortable with one another and this brought much joy to my heart! I love monarch butterflies. Any other insect, I might not have responded the same, but I was *very familiar* with this butterfly.

When Christ entered the room, He said "Peace be with you"; next, He took time to show the disciples what had transpired. Therefore, the disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. My brothers and sisters in the faith, the Holy Spirit is with us right now and He comes in peace. Jesus said He would never leave us or forsake us. He will bring comfort to each of us as needed. So "rejoice", for this is the day of the Lord! Fear comes to those who are afraid. Jesus is our friend, our first love, our provider, and most of all, Our "Master."

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 14:27

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus loves me this I know, cause the Bible tells me so.....

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