

PEACE WITH CIRCUMSTANCES

QUIZ: When you have a conflict with someone, the best thing to do is:

- a). Go on social media and blast them.
- b). Talk behind their backs about it.
- c). Let it go, if possible.
- d). Meet individually with them using "I feel" statements.

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. -Romans 12:18

Ephesians 5:8 (NIV) For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

Luke 2:5 (NIV) He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

Luke 2:6 (NIV) While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born.

Luke 2:7 (NIV) and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

3 Rays of Light

1). God has a PLAN, even if we don't see it.

Genesis 3:15 (NIV) I will put enmity (hostility) between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.

Genesis 3:21 (NIV) The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

2). God has a PURPOSE, even if we don't know it.

I have come...representing my Father (John 5:43)

- I have come to call sinners (Matt 9:13)
- I have come...to do the will of God (John 6:38)
- I have come from Him and He sent me to you (John 7:29)
- I have come as a light to shine in this dark world (John 12:46)
- I have come to save the world (John 12:47)

Isaiah 7:14 (NIV) *The Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*

Matthew 1:21 (NIV) *She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.*

3). God has a PROMISE, even if it's not fulfilled yet.

John 1:14 (NIV) *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- I will never leave you or forsake you (Heb 13:5)
- I will instruct you and teach you (Ps 32:8)
- I will give you rest (Matt 11:28)
- My grace is sufficient for you (2 Cor 12:9)
- I will renew your strength (Isaiah 40:31)
- I will fight for you (Exod 14:14)
- I will give you my peace (John 14:27)