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God's goal for His children is that we live free of all care and worry. We know this, we profess it and scriptures confirm it, but many of us have not entered into such a walk.

2. It is Impossible to have _____ peace without a fresh touch of His _____ in the midst of trouble.

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There must be a solid foundation for our peace. We are able to have peace because Jesus Christ has justified us before the heavenly Father.

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