

God's Gift to Us

faith

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love

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joy

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peace



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Jesus is:

the gift of faith

the gift of love

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Jesus: The Gift of Peace

Isaiah 9:6

**For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.**

**And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Matthew 5:9

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.**

John 14:26-27

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

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Acts 10:36 (Peter's words to Cornelius—the first Gentile believer)

You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

Ephesians 6:14-15

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

the gospel of Jesus = the gospel of peace

In the Garden of Eden: Peace in every aspect = Abundant Life

Humanity — God

Humanity — Self

Humanity — Others

Humanity — Creation

Hebrew word for
peace:

shalom - completeness, soundness, contentment, quiet

The result of sin

Sin broke our peace.

We became unzipped.

Humanity

God

Humanity

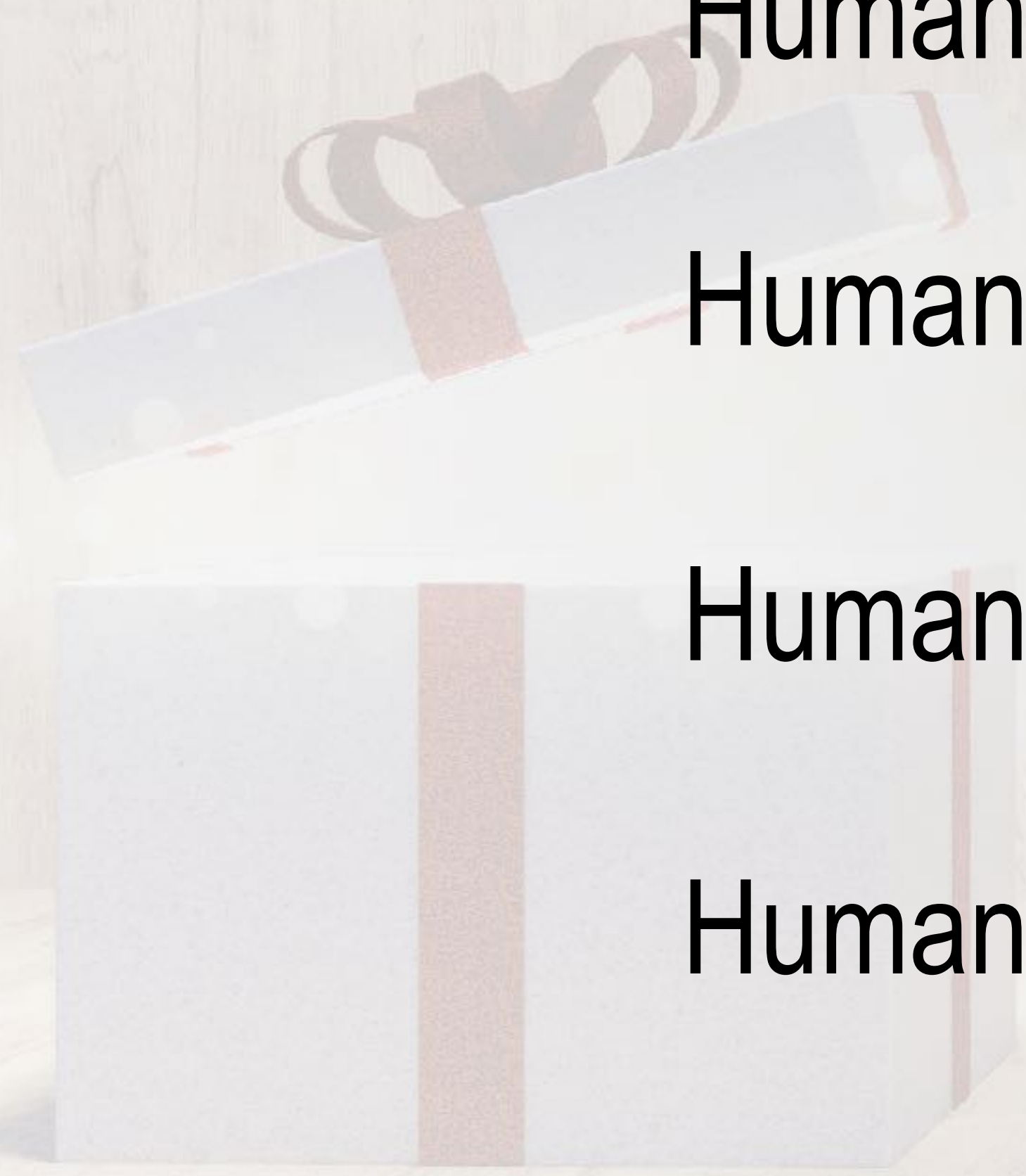
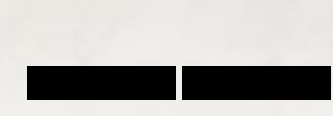
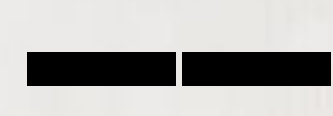
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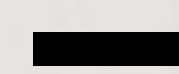
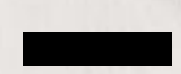
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Death in our spirit

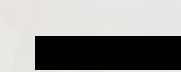
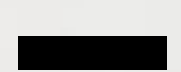
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God

Death in our soul
(mind, will, emotions)

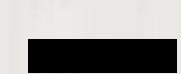
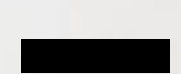
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Self

Death in our
relationships

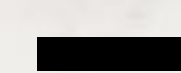
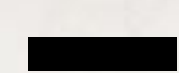
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Others

Death in our bodies
(chaos in nature)

Humanity



Creation



Jesus: The Gift of Peace

Jesus came to zip us back up!

Jesus brings peace:

1. to our broken connection to God
2. to our broken connection to ourselves
3. to our broken connection to others
4. to our broken connection to the natural world

At Peace with God and Others

Ephesians 2:12-18

...remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

At Peace with Ourselves

2 Corinthians 5:17

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!**

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

At Peace with Ourselves

Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Mark 1:23-25

In their synagogue there was a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "Leave us alone! What do You have to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are, the Holy One of God."

Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!"

(be muzzled)

At Peace with the Natural World

Mark 4:38-39

Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! (*silence*) Be still!” (*be muzzled*) Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

Luke 8:43-44, 47-48

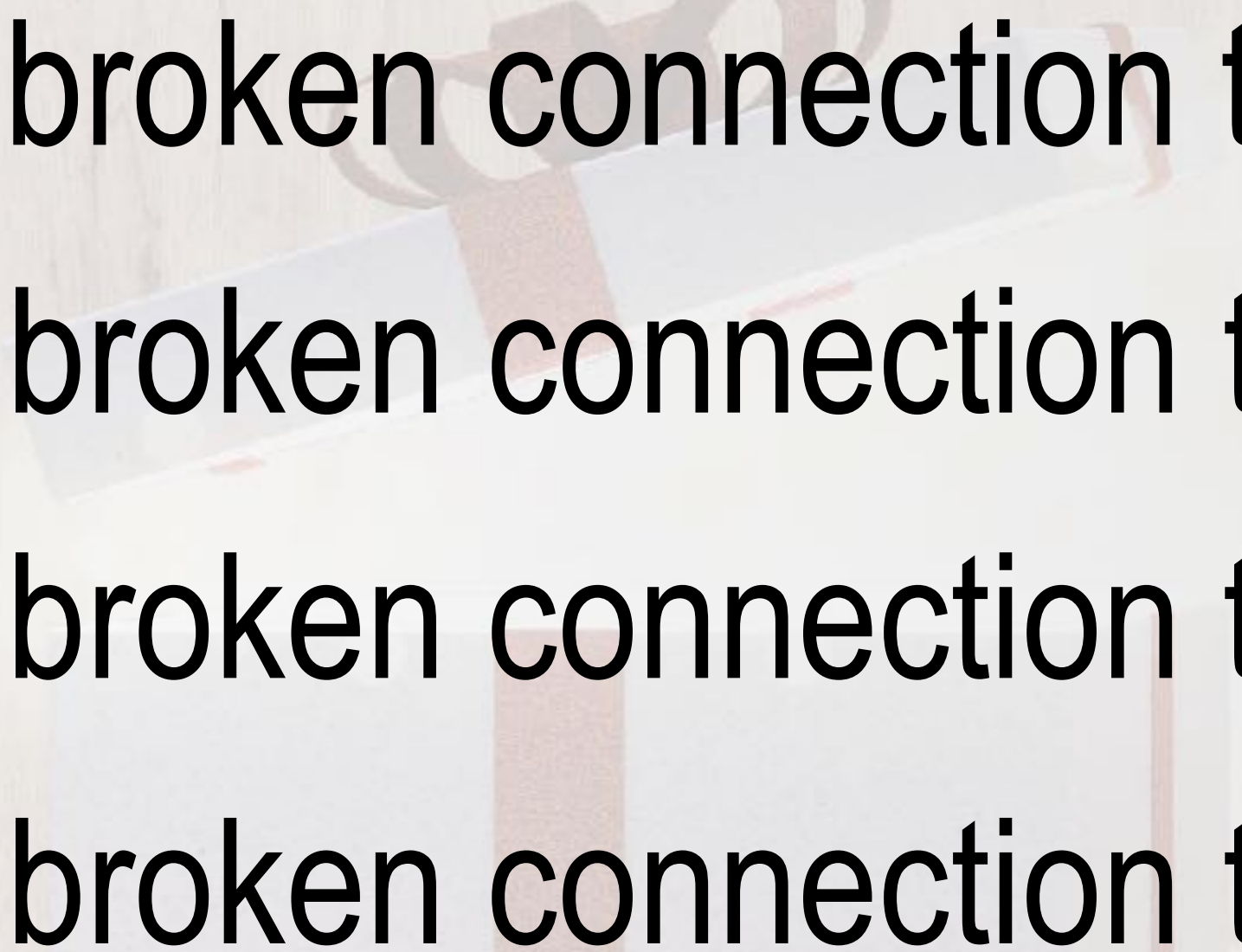
And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

...Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. Then he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”

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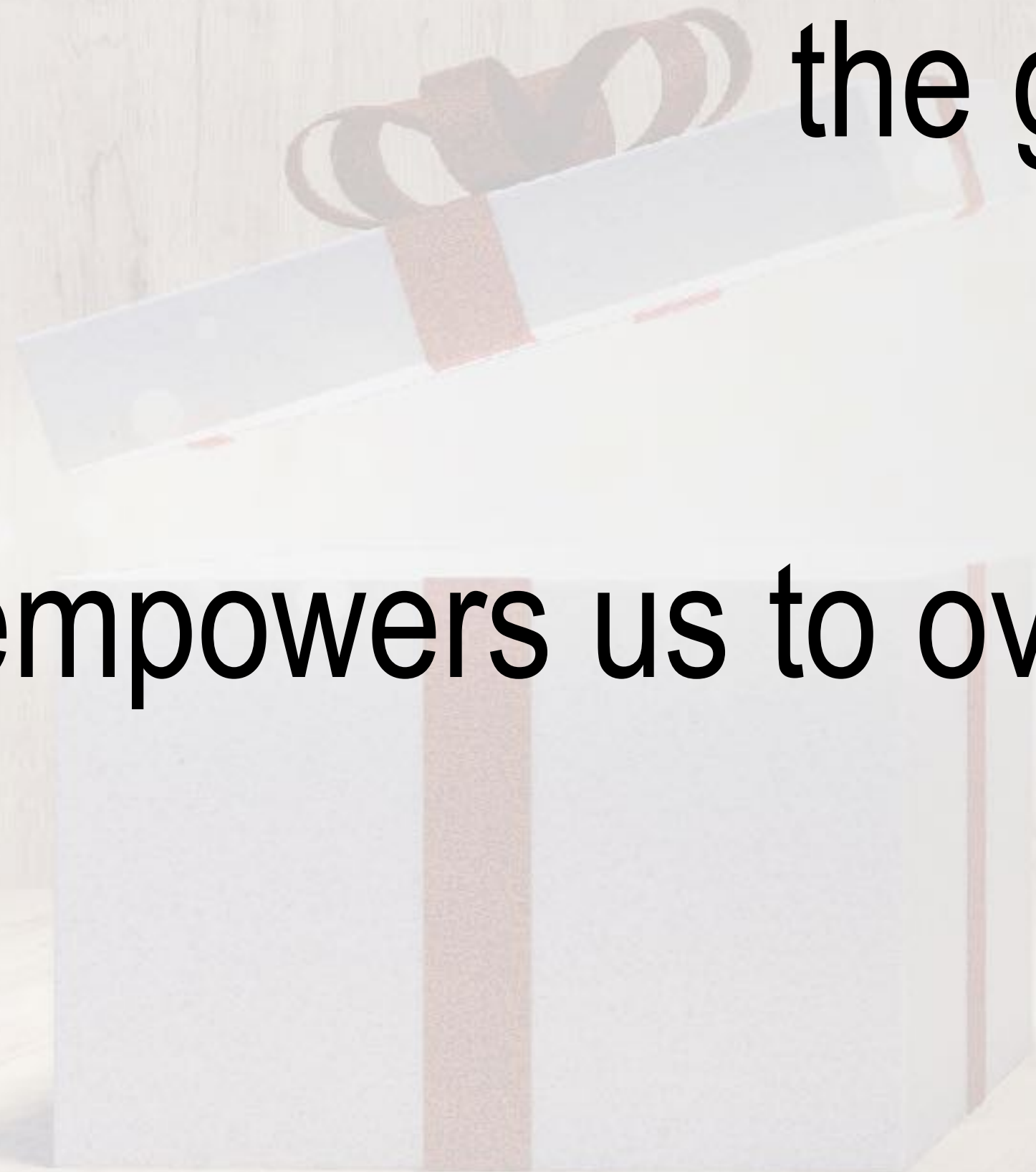
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What does it practically look like for Jesus to be
the gift of peace?

He empowers us to overcome common peace-killers.



Common Peace-Killers

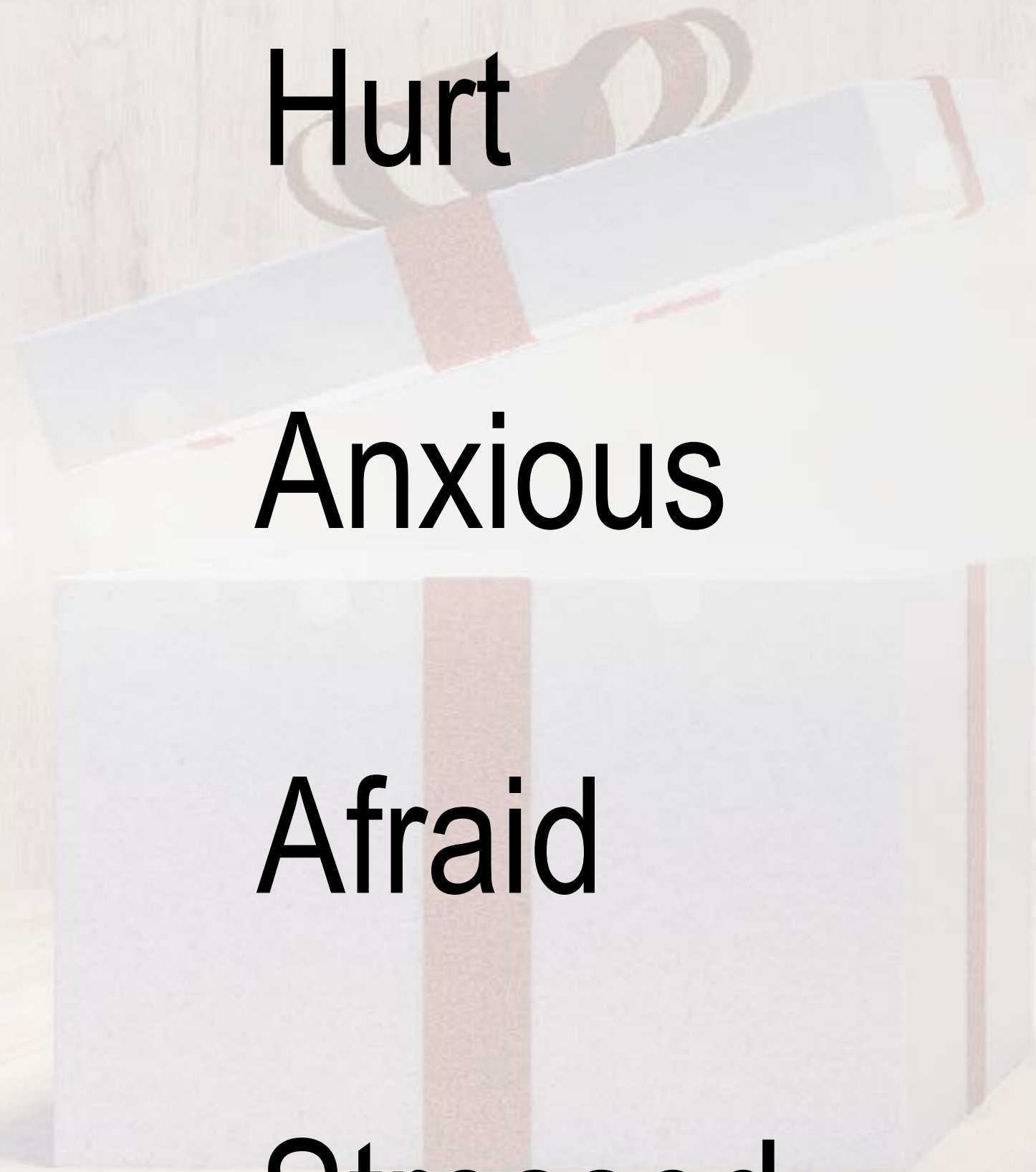
When we are:

Hurt

Anxious

Afraid

Stressed

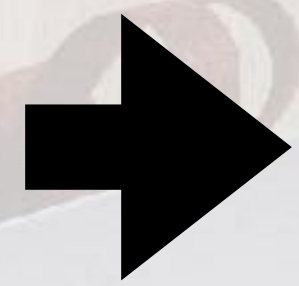


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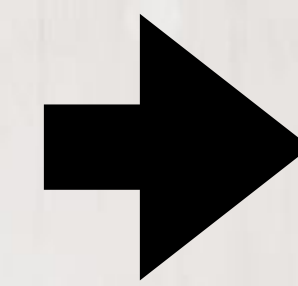
When we are:

Jesus enables us to:

Hurt



Give Forgiveness



Peace

Pathway to peace

Hold on to hurt



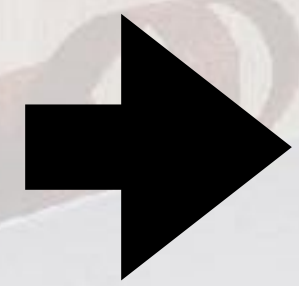
Bitterness

Common Peace-Killers

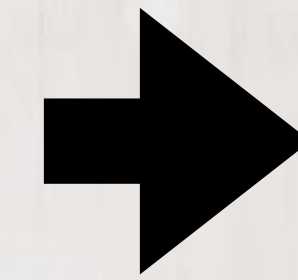
When we are:

Jesus enables us to:

Anxious



Surrender Control



Peace

Pathway to peace

Hold on to control



Anxiety

Common Peace-Killers

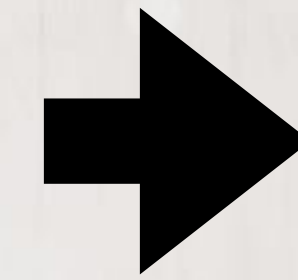
When we are:

Jesus enables us to:

Afraid



Embrace Truth



Peace

Pathway to peace

Hold on to lies



*Performance,
Rejection,
Fear*

Failing doesn't make me a failure.

I am loved.

I have authority.

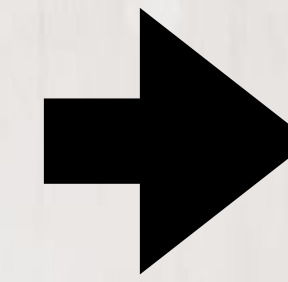
Common Peace-Killers

When we are:

Stressed
(Over-committed)



Jesus enables us to:
Humble Ourselves
&
Know Our Worth



Peace

Pathway to peace

Hold on to wrong
view of self



Exhaustion

Acknowledging limitations leads to setting boundaries.

Acknowledging my value leads to setting boundaries.

Common Peace-Killers

When we are:

Hurt

Anxious

Afraid

Stressed

What has been stealing your
peace lately?

One of these?

**Releasing Peace-Killers
&
Receiving the gift of peace**





Questions?

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