

Thought for the Day - Friday 5th March 2021

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Bible Society Day 14

As I am sure by now most of you know I have strong links to the Bible Society for the past 50 years from when I started teacher training at their only college. I have much to thank them for in my teacher education and their active Christian believes and Mission. So many of the staff and lecturers where Christians. So on discovering that they were running a daily Lent course I have linked into it each day.

Today's just struck me that all of us have had to find different ways of communicating with friends and family over the past year. All of us have not been able to meet up face to face. We have tried phoning people over the past year who we normally catch up with at Christmas via the usual Christmas newsletter. We've had good results speaking to friends we haven't spoken to in years.

I thought the challenges for today from the Bible Society were so easy and practical for each of us during Lent.

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'Jesus gives you the power to live a shalom lifestyle. On day 14 of The Lent Encounter, we're encouraging you to reflect on the real possibility of perfect peace from God, and to reach out to others and share it.

You, LORD, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you. (Isaiah 26.3, GNB)

Practical challenges:

1. Pray for peace in the hearts and minds of your friends/family.
2. Find a quiet place and read this verse: 'You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.' What are you worried about today? Write your concerns down on a piece of paper and then pray through them. Tear up the paper and trust that God will give you his perfect peace for today as you put your trust in him.
3. Phone a friend who you know is struggling and listen to their worries and concerns, letting them know that you care and God cares. Pray with them about each worry, encouraging and reminding them that they can trust in the Lord in each situation.'

Please pray for the Work of the Bible Society throughout the world.

Song: We really want to thank you Lord