

# Faith Talk - May 10, 2026

**Series:** Mother's Day

**Sermon:** The Peace and Hope of the Gospel

**Scripture:** Romans 5:1-5

## **Romans 5:1**

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## **Sermon Summary**

This Mother's Day sermon focuses on how the Gospel provides peace and hope for everyone, then applies these truths to motherhood. The message emphasizes two key promises: the fulfillment of our deepest need (peace with God) and hope in times of difficulty (peace of God).

Using Romans 5:1-5 as a transitional passage from positional truth to practical experience, the sermon explains that believers are justified and have peace with God (positional) and gain access to experience this peace in everyday life (practice). We receive God's peace and enjoy God's peace by faith.

The central encouragement: live, parent, and mother from a place where your deepest needs are met in Christ, where God's peace fills your heart, so peace can dominate your home, marriage, parenting, and life, and give you hope in times of difficulty.

## **Main Points**

- **From position to practice** - the Gospel invites you, even in the stress of the day-to-day, to remember and enjoy the peace of God.
- **Our deepest need: peace with God** - our peace with God in salvation offers the peace of God in our everyday lives.
- **Hope in difficulty** - The afflictions we face remind us of the hope of the Gospel and the nearness of God as He shapes us to reflect His nearness and our hope.
- **Don't let immediate needs steal eternal joy** – stand in grace and hope of the Gospel.

## **Discussion Questions**

### **Conversations with Adults**

1. The sermon distinguishes between positional truth (you have peace with God) and practical experience (you experience God's peace daily). How often do you actually access and enjoy the peace that's already yours in Christ?

2. Pastor Brian says we often place our hope in different circumstances rather than in God's presence, regardless of circumstances. What situation are you currently hoping will change, rather than finding hope in God's nearness?
3. The message encourages rejoicing in affliction because it shapes character and deepens hope. What current difficulty could God be using to renew His image in you if you approached it with this perspective?

### **Conversations with Students**

1. The sermon says, "Don't let the immediate need steal your eternal joy." What immediate pressures (grades, relationships/friendships, sports, parents, college plans) are currently stealing your peace or joy?
2. Paul says afflictions produce endurance, character, and hope. Think of a difficult situation you've faced. How did it change you? Did it make you more like Christ or just more bitter?
3. Pastor Brian lost three mother figures to cancer, but could "rejoice as it deepened his faith and hope in the Gospel." How is Christian hope different from just wishing things were different?

### **Conversations with Kids**

1. The sermon says the Gospel gives us peace with God. What does "peace" mean? How does knowing God loves you help you feel peaceful?
2. Pastor Brian's wife does lots of work, like laundry, every day. What things does your mom (or someone who cares for you) do? How can you help or say thank you?
3. The sermon talks about being joyful even when things are difficult. Can you be happy about God's love even when you're sad about something else? How?

## **Closing Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank You for the Gospel that provides peace with God and hope in difficulties. We're grateful that this peace is not something we create but something we receive and enjoy by faith in Christ.

We ask for help in living from our position in Christ, experiencing daily the peace that is already ours. Help us not to place our hope in changed circumstances but in Your presence with us, regardless of our situation. Give strength to mothers who carry heavy burdens, comfort to those who have lost mother figures, hope to those unable to become mothers, and peace to all navigating difficult family relationships.

We commit to letting Your peace dominate our homes, rather than allowing immediate pressures to steal eternal joy. Shape us through afflictions to reflect Your nearness and our hope. May we rejoice not in suffering itself but in how You use it to deepen our faith, build character, and renew Your image in us. In Jesus' name, Amen.