



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Prince of Peace—Flamethrower and Friend Sept. 8th 2019

Luke 12:49-53

⁴⁹ "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

1. What song or section from Scripture personally brings you the most peace when you hear it or read it?
2. For what reasons might today's gospel text never appear on anyone's list of favorite Scriptures?

3. How do the strong warnings from this text "break a rock to pieces" in your life?
4. What pressures do you face as a family or in your family and how do you deal with them?
5. Name as many passages as you can where the Bible talks about Jesus bringing peace.
 - a. Cf. Mark 10:32-45
 - b. Luke 22:39ff
 - c. John 19:28-30
6. Explore this concept of Jesus' baptism into death a little more. What comfort does it bring?
7. How can Jesus be the Prince of Peace—both flamethrower and friend?
8. Who in your family needs you to share with them basic law/gospel and an invitation to come and see Jesus?