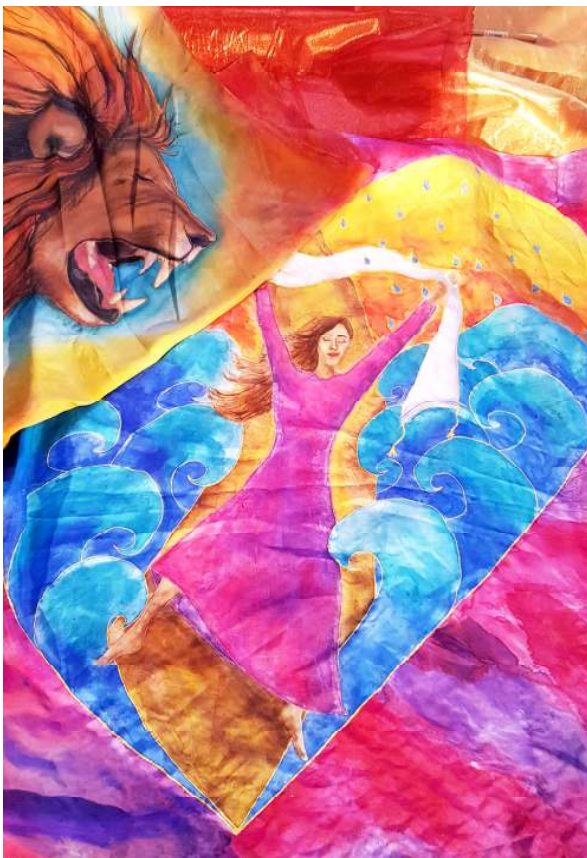


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There is a supernatural dimension to peace that is given by God. It is not something that can be achieved – but it is a gift. Jesus told His disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” The peace of God brings an atmosphere of well-being and prosperity. In the peace of God creativity and hope abound. As born-again sons of God we have been given peace. Peace that is not bound to the natural physical dimension of politics and culture but a peace that passes natural understanding. Peace that grounds us to Christ and the hope we have in Him. Peace that brings stability in the winds of adversity. Peace that is brought about by the mercy of God and His promises, setting us free from the distresses of our times that we live in. This kind of deep supernatural peace is the result of reconciliation with God.

Romans 8.19-21, ¹⁹For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.” Detroit anxiously waits for us, the body of Christ, to speak life and God’s promises to the city. We carry the peace of God on the inside of us and we can release or give that peace into the atmosphere, into the city, into the realms of government, schools, business and our communities. In the world systems there is no peace. There is great divisiveness and conflict of ideologies. But we are not of the world; we are of the Kingdom of our God. We have a different language and government.



Isaiah 50.7-9a NIV reworded

⁷ Because **the Sovereign LORD helps Detroit, Detroit will not be disgraced.**

Therefore **Detroit, set your face like flint, you will not be put to shame.**

⁸ **He who vindicates Detroit is near.**

Who then will bring charges against this city?

Let us face each other!

Who is Detroit’s accuser?

⁹ **It is the Sovereign LORD who helps Detroit...**

- Be strong Detroit, for God hears your groans.
- Detroit, you will be vindicated.
- On your very own government building is engraved “...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

2 Thessalonians 3.3-4a NASB reworded

³ But **the Lord is faithful to you, Detroit, and He will strengthen and protect you** from the evil *one*. ⁴ We **have confidence in the Lord** concerning you

- To Detroit we say, “Set your confidence in the Lord. He is faithful.”

Ephesians 1.2 NASB reworded

Grace and peace to you, Detroit, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- We speak peace to the land of Detroit.
- We speak peace to the city and to the communities that make up Detroit.
- We speak peace in the streets of Detroit.
- We speak peace to conversations, declaring that Detroit will be known as a city of peace and prosperity.
- We speak peace to the atmosphere over Detroit.
- We declare that the peace of God will prevail over violence in our city. Nothing is impossible with God.
- We declare that Detroit is a city with a welcoming and friendly atmosphere for all people groups.



2 Chronicles 20.30 NASB

So the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his **God gave him rest** on all sides.

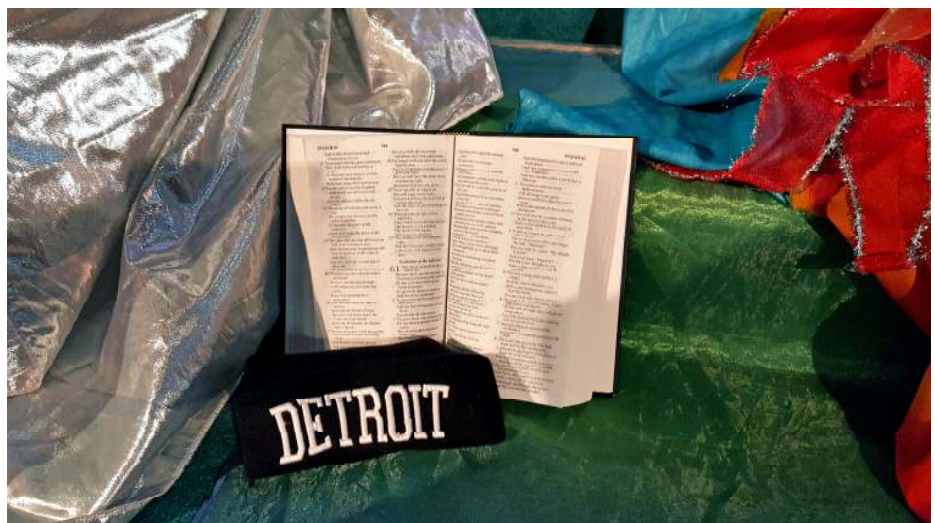
- Just like the land of Judah was at peace because the people of God were at peace with God, we speak peace to the Church in Detroit.
- We declare that a new unified sound is rising in the Church in Detroit as in the days of Jehoshaphat where the people of God stood in one accord. They sought the heart of God concerning the land and the Lord gave them a strategy for victory over the enemies of the land. The strategy was in the voice or the sound over the land. When the worshippers were in place as the Lord directed, God moved on behalf of the land bringing peace on every side. They released the sound of worship exalting the Lord God Almighty over the land. What was a sweet smelling aroma to God caused confusion in the camp of the enemy and they turned on themselves. Destruction was unraveled. The land was released. The people rejoiced.
- We declare that the sound of worship to the Lord is over Detroit and that sound is being released from the Church who is here to steward this land. God's strategy is being released in Detroit.

Romans 16.19-20 NASB

¹⁹For the report of **your obedience** has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to **be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil.**

²⁰**The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.**

- We call the apostles and the Church of this city into their destiny, into the timing of God, into the NOW season of God. We declare that their ears are open to hear and obey the word of the Lord.
- We declare that the Church in Detroit is rising in power and authority and thereby, the peace of God is increasing in our domain.
- We declare that the God of peace will soon crush Satan under our feet!
- Detroit, you will be a city of freedom and a city of God's refuge.



2 Corinthians 2.14-17 NIV reworded

¹⁴ But **thanks be to God**, who always leads the Church in Detroit as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to **spread the aroma of the knowledge of Him everywhere**. ¹⁵ For we are to God **the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing**. ¹⁶ To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? ¹⁷ **Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.**

- We declare to Detroit that the aroma of the knowledge of God is spreading everywhere. The aroma of the knowledge of God is penetrating the visible and invisible structures of this city. Demonic structures of evil set against this city are crumbling.
- We, as the Church, lay down our own agenda – we do not peddle the word of God for our own profit. We see the Lord high and lifted up and the train of His glory is over Detroit.
- We speak the word that is the fire of God that consumes the enemy throughout the city of Detroit. The Church in Detroit will not refuse Him who speaks. Jesus said that His words are spirit and life.
- The Church in Detroit is humbling itself under the mighty hand of God.
- We worship God with reverence and awe for our God is a consuming fire.

