

A Peace That Only He Can Give

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation.

The Lord be with you all." This verse sits atop the sign at camp that you see when you leave.

Today those words from scripture were heard more powerful than ever as the buses and volunteers left camp. Tears were shed as we waved to the kids as they boarded the buses. But there is more. Let me explain.

First off, in any "normal" Royal Family Kids, we always pray for peace and hope for these kids as they move back into their lives back home in whatever "home" looks like to them. For some, it's an easier transition because they get to go back to their forever family or a loving foster home situation.

And then there are others. Some of the kids are living in "not so good" foster homes where they are simply a number ... not the treasured soul we told them they were all week at camp. We see that when they return and a foster parent will whisk them away in a hurry because they are off to another church or organization to pick up other foster kids who all live together.

You can just sense the tenseness in these kids as they start to pull away on Thursday evening or especially Friday morning.

But, let's go back to the verse I mentioned at the beginning from 2 Thess 3:16 ... may he give us peace at **ALL** times and in **EVERY** situation! Again, those words rang loud as we left camp today. God was definitely there at all times all week and we pray for these kids that they will experience God's peace in whatever circumstance they returned home to - **a peace that only He can give**.

Thankful for our prayer partners offering prayers for our week of camp - they were definitely felt. Thankful for a great week of offering hope and peace to these kids. Your prayers are greatly appreciated!

Blessings everyone!

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