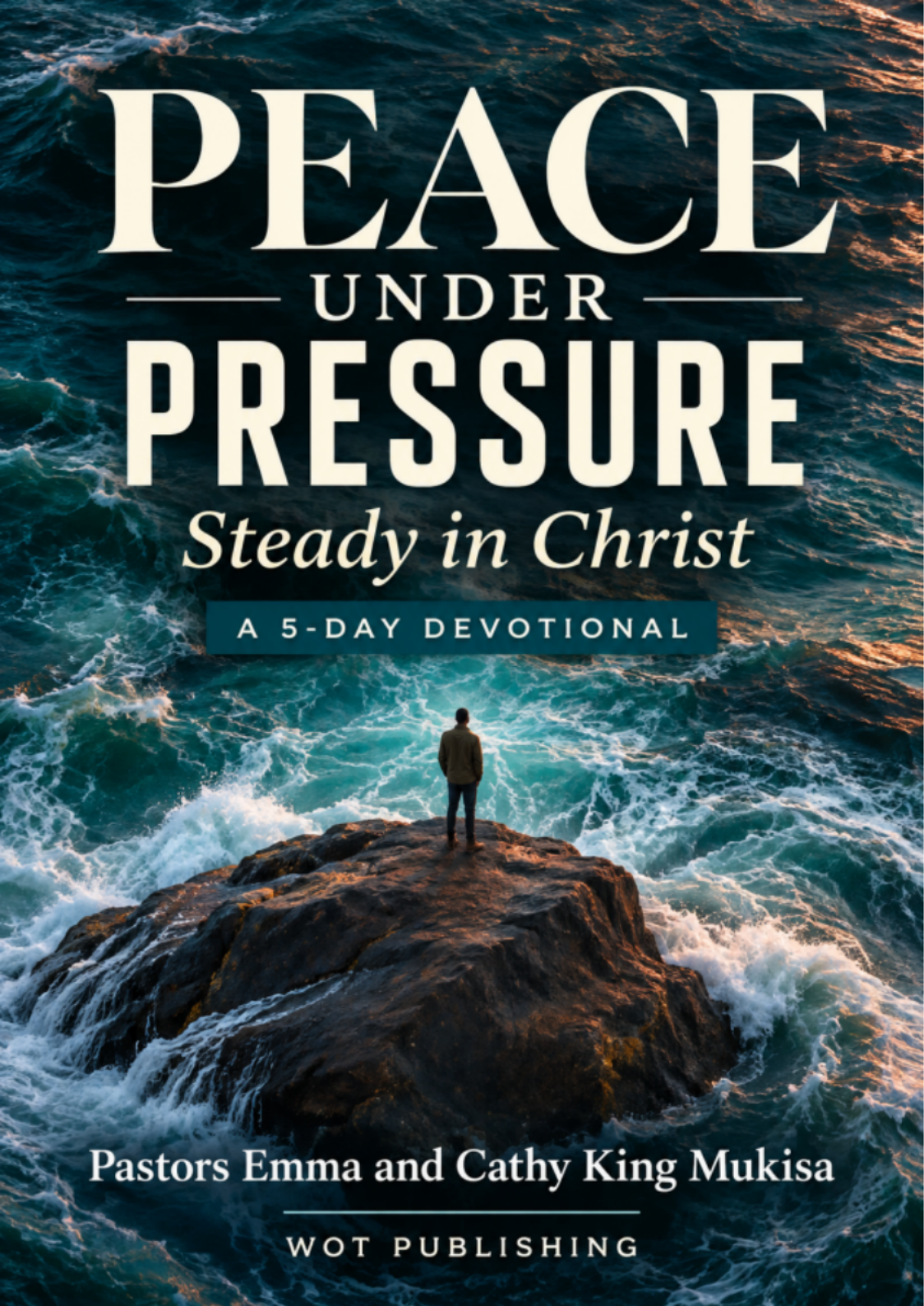
PEACE UNDER PRESSURE

Steady in Christ

A 5-DAY DEVOTIONAL



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Introduction

Beloved, the Lord Jesus has given you His peace. Approach the decisions, conversations and work before you from your place in Christ. His Word directs your thinking, and His peace can govern your response to the matter that needs attention.

In John 14:27, the Lord Jesus spoke to His disciples about the peace He gives. Later He told them that in Him they would have peace, even while facing tribulation in the world (John 16:33). He directed their confidence to Himself. Begin there. You belong to Him, and the pressure around you does not have to determine the words you speak or the decisions you make.

These five readings consider how that peace finds expression in ordinary life. Bring your request to the Father with thanksgiving. Give attention to what is true. Speak words that build, and carry out the responsibility entrusted to you. Each response proceeds from confidence in the Father and attention to His Word.

Read and Respond to the Word

Take one reading each day with your Bible open. Read the displayed Scripture and the passages listed beneath it. Consider the teaching before speaking the confession. Answer the reflection honestly, pray to the Father in the Name of the Lord Jesus and carry out the practical response. Read the further-study passage in its setting.

Two Greek studies explain peace ruling in the heart and guarding the heart and mind. Read them alongside Days 1 and 2. Use Continuing in the Word after the five days to review your response and keep acting on these truths.

DAY ONE

The Peace Christ Gives

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 14:27, KJV

Read John 14:27; Colossians 3:15

The Lord Jesus spoke of the peace He gives, a peace different from what the world gives. Pressure may be present around you, but it does not have to decide what governs your heart. In Christ you have a firm place from which to respond. The Greek word translated "peace" in John 14:27 is *eirēnē* (εἰρήνη). The Lord Jesus speaks of His peace as something He gives, distinguishing it from what the world gives. His words direct the disciples' attention to Him when they face trouble. For the believer in Christ, peace is not dependent on a perfectly arranged environment. Let His Word govern your heart while you deal wisely with the circumstances before you.

Let the Word speak before urgency dictates your actions. Identify the matter that needs attention and give it to the Father in prayer. Peace makes room for careful thought and faithful action in the middle of responsibility. His peace belongs in the very place where decisions must be considered.

CONFESSION

The peace of Christ governs my heart, and I respond according to His Word.

REFLECTION

What pressure is demanding an immediate reaction from me?

PRAYER

Father, thank You for the peace of Christ; I let it govern my heart. In the Name of the Lord Jesus, amen.

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Pause, read John 14:27 and identify the actual decision you need to make.

FURTHER STUDY

John 16:33