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Dear friends,

I sat with high-risk high school students today during lunch and talked with them about the peace of God. It's something they want but don't have despite a previous profession of faith, church attendance, and baptism. **"What would it take to have the peace of God?"** I asked them.

*I'd have to do something about my anger.*

*I'd have to change my attitude.*

*I'd have to resist temptation instead of give in every single time.*

*Let go of attitude and anger.*

**Like us, they understand what they need to do, but doing it is another matter, isn't it?** If we're as honest as these teenagers, we'd agree with all their comments. Surrender and obedience are often hard. We struggle, too, don't we?

**It was my privilege to share the peace-giving love of God today**—to explain how to use the Word of God to take every thought captive—to explain surrender. "Do you want the peace Jesus can give you?" I asked. They did. "Will you open your Bibles, get to know God, hide His Word in your heart? Will you do what it takes to have the life God planned for you?" Yes, they agreed. They'd give it a try.

**This beautiful lunch-time conversation was only possible because of your prayers, your financial gifts, your hands-on support.** I may be the face at the table, but you, my friends, are the ones who make it all possible and I am eternally grateful. It's an honor to serve alongside you. Thank you.

Merry Christmas,

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