

2 Visions of Peace



Two artists were each asked to create a painting that illustrated peace. The first artist painted a beautiful scene of a field in the country on a spring day. Flowers and foliage dotted a lush, green landscape illuminated by a bright sun in a clear sky.

The second artist crafted a portrait of a seaside cliff with rocky, jagged edges. The water was choppy, and the sky was filled with dark clouds. A streak of lightning

descended from the sky to the water. Battered trees along the cliff were bent under the force of the winds from the coming storm.

The scene did not appear to embody anything peaceful. Yet, tucked into the crevice of the cliff were two birds safe in their nest. They appeared untouched by the forces of nature raging around them.

Life is much like the scenes in both paintings. Peace can be found in beauty and harmony. But peace can also be found in the stillness you possess when the world around you is chaotic and tumultuous.



As each of us considers our lives, more than likely we identify with the second painting. Storms do enter our lives, whether in the form of a health diagnosis that staggers us, concerns over a disease affecting a loved one, a financial crisis, a broken relationship, or the loss of a job. The list can go on and on.

While the dark clouds surround us, however, we can experience peace and security available through faith in our Lord. It is a serenity that causes others to marvel at such composure.

– Beecher Hunter