**Looking Beyond the Swaddling Clothes**

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**Isaiah 9:7-12 (ESV)**

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. (8) The Lord has sent a word against Jacob, and it will fall on Israel; (9) and all the people will know, Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who say in pride and in arrogance of heart: (10) "The bricks have fallen, but we will build with dressed stones; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place." (11) But the LORD raises the adversaries of Rezin against him, and stirs up his enemies. (12) The Syrians on the east and the Philistines on the west devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still.

1. Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor

I will seek Jesus’ Perspective on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Jesus is our Mighty God

I will lean on Jesus’ strength with\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Jesus is our Everlasting Father

I will trust Jesus cares for me in regards to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Jesus is our Prince of Peace

Romans 5:1-2 ESV Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (2) Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

John 14:27 ESV Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 16:33 ESV I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

I will let the peace of Christ rise up in this area of my life:­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and will seek it in my relationship with:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_