



WOW: Word Of the Week

Logoff

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Psalm 46:10

Earlier this year, I took a week off from screen time – screen-free week!

A couple of months ago, I shared a video series, also with written notes, focused on prayer. Daily prayers—a heart of wonder and worship, a heart of wisdom, praying for God’s way and will among his people, praying for the work that God wants to do, waiting and watching in prayer for loved ones, praying for workers, praying for our world.

Another prayer model that I use reminds me to keep God at the center, surrounded by relationships, life dynamics, and stewardships. Relationships in family, Christian friends, others. Life dynamics like resting, working, and serving. Stewardship of self, stuff, and situation.

Psalm 46, make it contemporary. For many of us, we could substitute “logoff” for “be still.” Stop the noise. Calm, tranquil, serene, quiet.

The pandemic has increased online faith talk. Many Christians “attend” multiple devotionals, Bible studies, prayer sessions, and other assemblies each day.

In my observation, the Christian community in Latin America has been internationalized, guest speakers from across the Spanish-speaking world.

But... I have concerns.

One concern is that we may be talking mostly to ourselves, not to unbelievers.

A second concern, even greater, is that we may be substituting talking to ourselves and to one another for talking to the Lord.

With all of our talking about faith, we may be in danger of losing contact with the Lord himself.

My Wednesday W.O.W. – not a Bible word, but an important concept. Maybe we could loosely translate, “Logoff, and know that God is God.”

Listen – Psalm 46:1-11.

God is our refuge and strength, a help always present.

We have no fear when everything around us destabilizes, even if mountains fall into the sea, when waters are troubled and mountains are trembling.

There is a river that calms and gladdens our rest with God, his holy place within our hearts.

God is in his place, and we shall not be moved, his help comes from dawn to dusk.

Others get angry, they run here and there, they would melt if God showed up!

We know that the Lord of armies is with us, our tower and strength.

We see his works everywhere; he builds up and tears down. He calms conflicted hearts.

He says to us, “Logoff and find my peace, resting in the knowledge that I am God, I will be lifted up and honored by all in every place and at all times.”

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