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GOD'S PEACE

PHILIPPIANS 4:2-9



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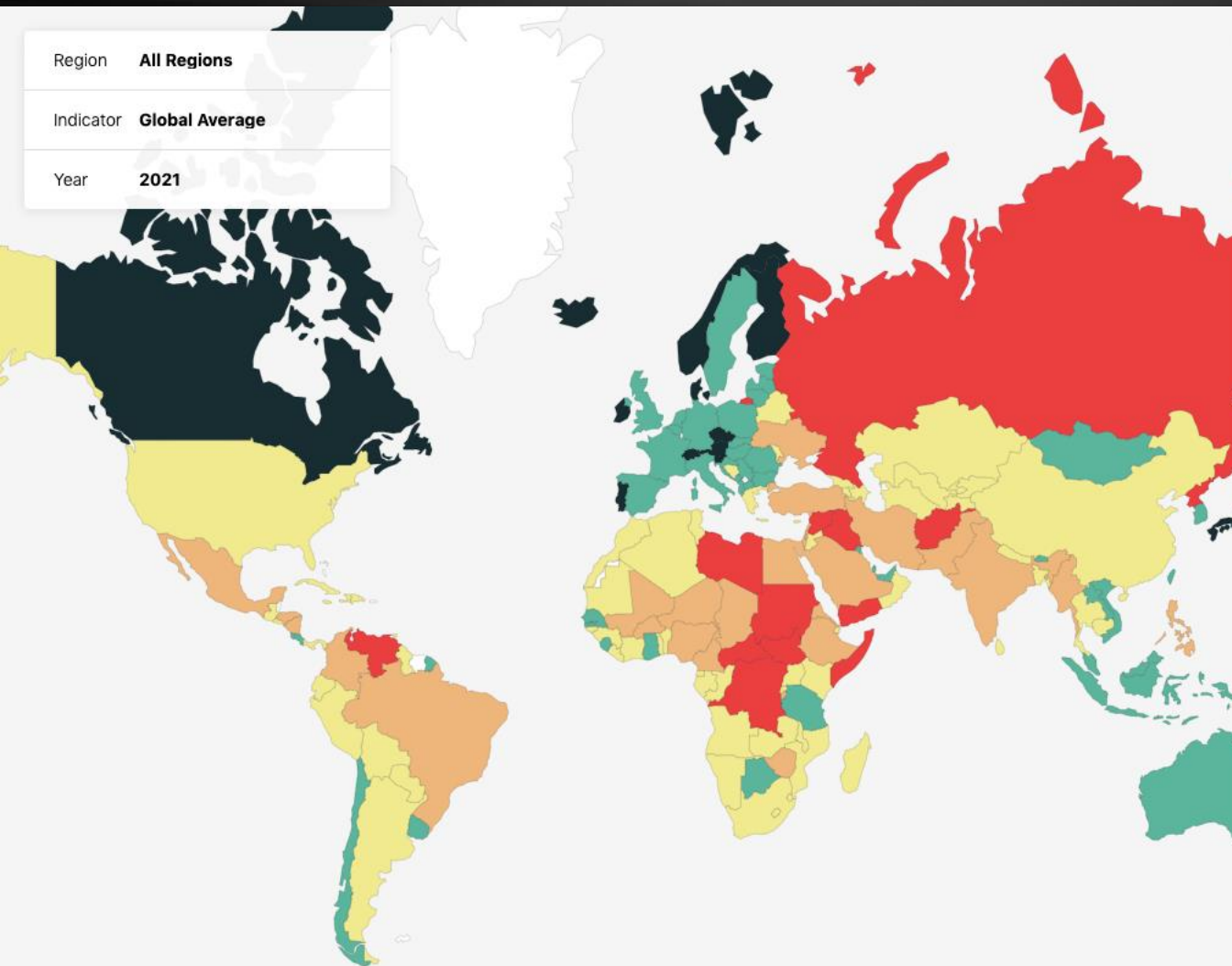
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Region **All Regions**

Indicator **Global Average**

Year **2021**



NO DATA MORE PEACEFUL LESS PEACEFUL

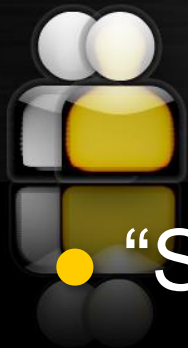
2021 Global Peace Index



Overall GPI Score

A composite index measuring the peacefulness of countries made up of 23 quantitative and qualitative indicators each weighted on a scale of 1-5. The lower the score the more peaceful the country.

| RANK | REGION | SCORE |
|------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | Iceland | 1.1 |
| 2 | New Zealand | 1.253 |
| 3 | Denmark | 1.256 |
| 4 | Portugal | 1.267 |
| 5 | Slovenia | 1.315 |
| 6 | Austria | 1.317 |
| 7 | Switzerland | 1.323 |
| 8 | Ireland | 1.326 |
| 9 | Czech Republic | 1.329 |
| 10 | Canada | 1.33 |
| 11 | Singapore | 1.347 |
| 12 | Japan | 1.373 |
| 13 | Finland | 1.402 |



Word study: “Peace”

- “Shalom” (269 occurrences in OT)
- “Eirene” (92 occurrences in NT)
- Observations
 - Peace that is empowered by humankind – Few passages
 - Peace that comes from God – Many passages
 - Peace from God – Complete, wholesome, trust in the midst of troubles, dependent on relationship with God.

The need for true peace

BEFORE THE PANDEMIC



SINCE THE LOCKDOWN

Domestic violence reports
and/or calls have **increased**:

33%

in **Singapore**

30%

in **Cyprus**

30%

in **France**

25%

in **Argentina**

*As of April 2020



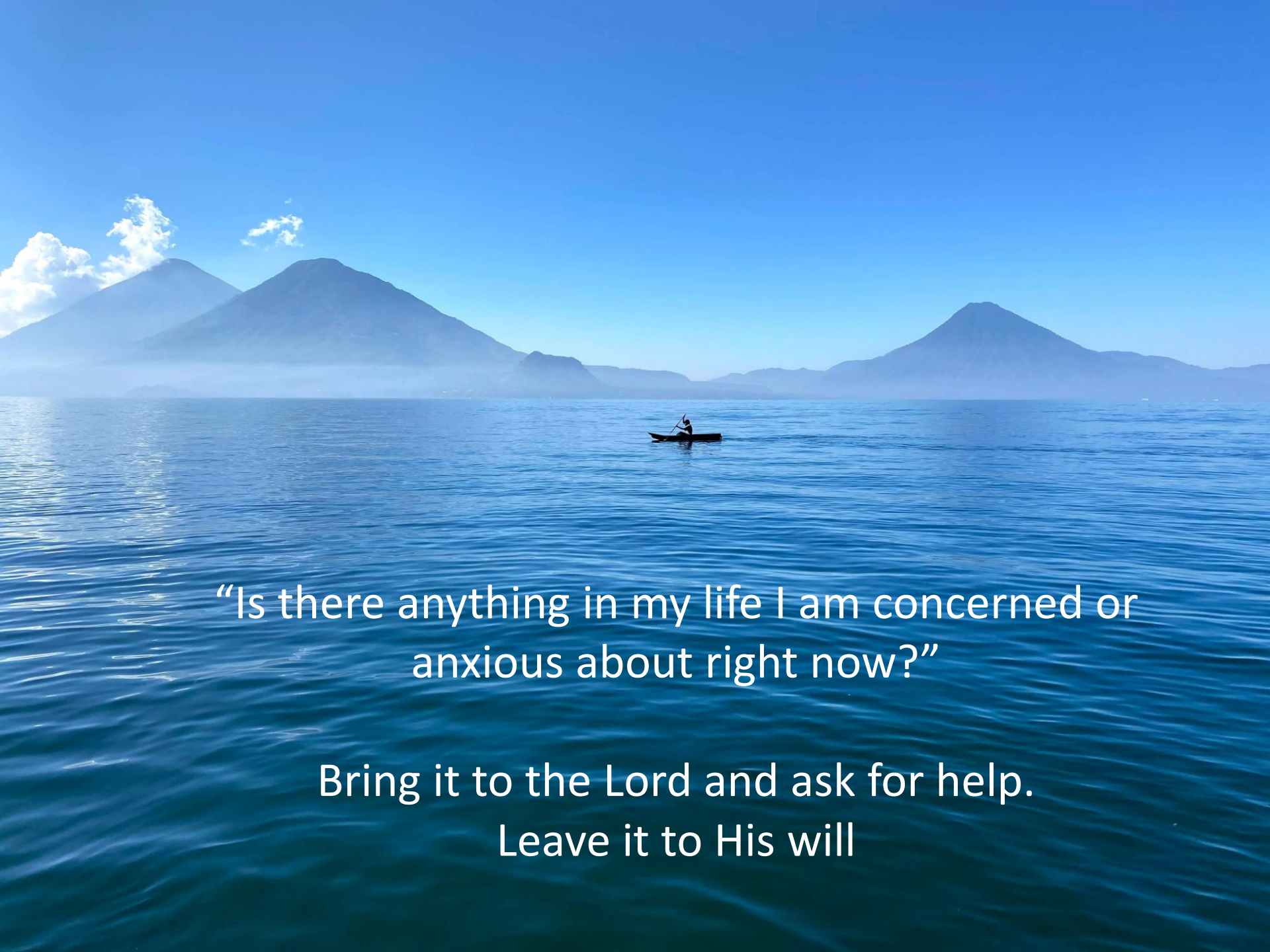
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How to have God's peace



- Know Christ
- Know that Christ is coming back
- Communicate with God in prayer and thanksgiving.



“Is there anything in my life I am concerned or
anxious about right now?”

Bring it to the Lord and ask for help.
Leave it to His will



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