Every family seems to have their “place.” It’s a place where memories are made. For some, it’s the mountains or the lake. Or, it may around the table for a special meal. For my family, it’s the beach. We love it. Most of us enjoy spending time in the surf enjoying the waves.

This year, my son decided he wanted to experience the waves without the benefit of sight. So, he turned away from the waves and a few of us took turns being “wave watchers.” We were to inform him of each wave and its magnitude using his scientific scale in which the biggest and most powerful wave was a Granddaddy Wave all the way down to the a harmless Baby Wave. As each wave was named, he braced himself for the impact accordingly. For the most part, the system worked until he was pummeled by wave misidentified. He came up out of the water unhappy he had not been given sufficient warning, but he was thankful the wave watcher had pulled him up and he was safe.

We often expect God to be our own wave watcher naming the suffering that may be coming our way, preparing us for all the dangers that surround us; however, God did not promise we would not face hard times and suffering. In those waves of trouble and sorrow our greatest peace is not in knowing what’s coming but in the one who has overcome the greatest of suffering. As we face the waves of difficulty that will surely come our way, we find peace in Jesus Christ, the one who lifts us up and weathers the storm with us.

Life Question: What are some ways you can feel the peace of Christ when waves of trouble and uncertainty wash over you?

Prayer: Gracious God, show me the peace of Christ when I feel like I am drowning in difficulties. Amen.

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