

# SHALOM *in the Home*

## Shalom in the Home: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"

In our current series, we've been talking about something very important. In fact, it is the most important thing you need for your soul. Since the pandemic, drug abuse has skyrocketed because people didn't have this. Less people were driving but there were more accidents. Think about that. During the pandemic, fewer people were driving but there were MORE accidents because they didn't have this. Counselors, social workers, and psychologists are booked solid, yet the need for one has never been higher... because "this" eludes them. And suicides and suicide attempts are up because "this" is missing. What is "this?" What is missing? What are all these people suffering from? What have we been talking about it in this series? Peace. Not just any peace. Peace with God. Shalom.

Here is the first time we see this word in the Scriptures:

*"As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age"*  
(Genesis 15:15 ESV).

God is prophesying about Israel's future enslavement in Egypt, but as for Abram, he will be at rest in SHALOM, peace.

Shalom is a Hebrew word, and like all Hebrew words, it has many shades of meaning that paint a unified picture.

Definition of Shalom (שלום)

Peace; Well-being; Health; Safety; Completeness, Wholeness, Soundness; Prosperity; God's Kingdom Order.

When an Israeli greets you with "shalom," he's actually saying "live long and prosper!"

Isaiah calls Jesus "Sar Shalom"

*"Sar Shalom, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6 LW)*

Isaiah says there will be no end to the increase of His government or of His shalom, His peace. So Shalom characterizes the Kingdom of Jesus.

Our thesis: Kingdom Authority brings Shalom. How's your SHALOM at your home? Let's talk about that today.

I saw Top Gun Maverick. I saw it twice—great movie. As I was watching, I reflected on why this movie moved me so much. The reason? No spoilers but... This movie reveals the heart of every dad.