

March-April
2026



GLOBAL TRAINING
NETWORK

Our Itinerary



March 12-26: Northern Iraq
(tentative)

March 20: Hiwa Church,
Sulaymaniyah, Iraq (tent.)

March 26-29: Doha, Qatar
(tentative)

April 12: Grace Church,
Chino Valley, AZ

April 19: First Baptist
Church, Nogales, AZ

May 10: Floris Baptist
Church, Floris, IA

May 14-31: Rwanda

June 1-9: Cameroon



WAR AND PEACE (Finding One During the Other)

Whether the battlefields of history or the quiet conflicts within our own hearts, human beings have always lived somewhere between war and peace. At this moment, as nations clash and uncertainties rise, Scripture reminds us that the most decisive battles are often fought within our own souls. While headlines shout "WAR," God invites His people to experience "peace" that runs deeper than circumstance. Here are four biblical anchors for personal peace in seasons of uncertainty and conflict:

1. Recognize the Real Battlefield. The Bible teaches that our ultimate struggle is not merely against visible external threats but against spiritual enemies (Ephesians 6:12). Anxiety, doubt, and despair

are just some of the weapons aimed against us by our foe on this battle for our souls. Yet God equips us for this inner war. Through His Word, prayer, truth, righteousness, and faith, we stand firm. When we realize that the primary battlefield is the heart, we let go of panic and start fighting with promises.



2. Trust the Sovereign Commander. Whether going through international crises or personal upheaval, it is comforting to remember that God is not surprised by events. The Lord who calmed storms also rules over history. As

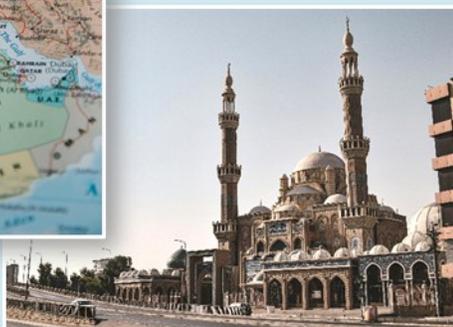
Psalm 46 declares, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Earthly wars may rage, but heaven's throne is never shaken. Trusting in God's sovereign

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Where in the World Are the Edmondsons This Month?

We need your prayers this month! The war with Iran is very much on our minds since we are currently scheduled to depart on March 12 for the Middle East. We are

planning, by God's grace to conduct two classes in Sulaymaniyah, Kurdistan (Northern Iraq), and another in Doha, Qatar. Our friends in



Northern Iraq have had the unnerving experience of seeing missiles flying overhead as Iran has lashed out at many other middle eastern nations. As for Doha, Qatar, travel there is currently impossible due to the suspension of operations at major middle eastern airports including Doha. We are asking you to pray for a cessation of hostilities enabling us to carry out the mission God has given us. We are asking for prayer that we would have good and Godly wisdom to make a sound "GO/NO GO" decision at the appropriate time. We are also asking you to pray for personal safety as Americans traveling in an area sometimes described as "the belly of the beast," where anti-Western sentiments are common and emotions are running high. We have multi-layered security plans and protocols in place, but nothing beats the protection of God's holy angels for which we request your prayers. Oh, and while you are at it, please pray for the spiritual impact of our classes. That is, after all, the whole reason we are going. For us, this trip is a brief adventure. For our believing students, hostility, war, and persecution are grim daily realities. I will say it again; your prayers make all the difference. 

WAR AND PEACE (Finding One During the Other) *(cont'd)*



wisdom shifts our posture from fear to faith. We may not control the conflict, but we know the Commander who does.

3. Receive the Peace of Christ. On the eve of His own suffering, Jesus told His disciples, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you" (John 14:27). This was not the

absence of war—He was hours from the cross. It was the presence of divine assurance in the midst of it, providing a peace beyond understanding. Biblical peace is a sense of wholeness, completeness, and security in God. This is our birthright as those born again through faith in Jesus Christ. If we draw near to God, His peace guards our hearts and minds like a sentry at the gate (Philippians 4:7). When fear threatens, Christ's peace stands watch.

4. Live as Peacemakers in a Warring World. Even while surrounded by conflict, believers are called to

embody peace. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). The world around us has more than enough anger, tension, cruelty and hatred. Christians carry a different spirit. Hatred and warfare are cruel realities in our world, but we must refuse to let them define or animate us in any way. Our place is to respond differently, with gentleness, prayer, forgiveness, and hope. In doing so, we become living testimonies that there is a better and more permanent Kingdom coming--one that is even now at work in the hearts of Christ followers.

The Final Victory of Peace History's wars will one day cease. Scripture points forward to the reign of the Prince of Peace, when swords will be beaten into plowshares and mourning will give way to joy. Until that day, we may walk through seasons of uncertainty and conflict. Yet we do so with steady hearts. For though the world may be at war, the soul anchored in Christ can remain at peace. In the end, the greatest victory is not found on a battlefield—but in a heart ruled by the peace of God.



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Our Praises & Prayer Requests



- Praise God for productive visits to some of our Arizona churches.
- Praise God for a good launch of our 2026 Matching Fund Challenge.
- Praise God that our initial 2026 goal for the Kurdistan Book fund has been fulfilled already.
- Please pray for wise GO/NO GO decision about ministry in Northern Iraq and Qatar in March.
- Please pray for safety during this trip (assuming we are able to go).
- Please pray for effective classes in Kurdistan and Qatar (see above).

And We're Off: Matching Fund Challenge 2026



Since we have been talking about spiritual victories, we want to announce that today we have a wonderful opportunity to join in one such victory: the 2026 Matching Fund Challenge. A generous partner has again given **\$7,500** to the Edmondson Matching Fund with a challenge to all of us to match this gift with an extra donation during March, April, or May. Every dollar you give moves us closer to doubling and perhaps redoubling this remarkable gift. Our purpose is to fully fund all of our many training events in the countries we serve this year. **Instructions for giving to the Edmondson Matching Challenge are below.** Will you help turn one generous act into many? Together, we can meet the challenge and strengthen a strategic work that blesses so many.

Ministry Partnership

Your financial partnership is essential as we carry out our God given ministry. Please follow the instructions below or on the enclosed response card (US mail version).

"Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account... And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:17, 19)

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Under "Ministry Designation" select "Bob and Eileen Edmondson (435)," or "Edmondson Matching Gift (43502)" (type in "Matching" and that selection will appear), or "Books for Kurdistan (43503)."



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