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#### a. Peace.

*Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:7

#### b. Confident trust.

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