

A Path to Peace

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Philippians 4:1-8

Few things feel better than peace.

Does it feel like over the last few years, there has been more disagreement and conflict than ever before? Has it been hard to find peace in your life because of it? When you don't know how to navigate it God's way, it can really rob you of your joy.

Have You found yourself feeling anxious lately?

1. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! 2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

1) Look at each other the way _____ looks at us. (God)

THINK IT OVER

How do you look at others when they disappoint you?

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

2) Rejoice in _____ circumstances because the Lord is _____. (all, near)

THINK IT OVER

What might your life look like if you rejoiced in ALL circumstances?

5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

3) Go to God _____! (first)

THINK IT OVER

What is your first instinct when you find yourself in a disagreement?

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

4) Focus on the _____ _____. (higher things)

THINK IT OVER

Why is it so hard to keep our focus on the “higher things?” Why does God ask us to do that?