

**“If God sent You a letter”
Philippians 4:2-9**

Philippians - A personal intimate letter

Vs 2-3 personal exhortation, Vs 4-6 general exhortation, Vs 7 - a promise

Philippians 4:1-3

After mentioning his **joy and crown**, now Paul addresses the two "thorns" in the crown! They were such "thorns" in the body of believers at Philippi that Paul had received word of it all the way back in his Roman prison cell!

- *We do not know what the disagreement was about*
- *We do not know how or when it started*

*Which means – that's not important – what is important is seeing the big picture
What is best for the Kingdom. Period*

These were mature believers who were actively involved in ministry @ Philippi.

Philippians 4:4 - Rejoice = “to be full of cheer”

Philippians 4:6-7 - God's Peace

1. **What it is**
2. **What prevents you from possessing it?**
3. **How do you obtain it.?**
4. **What does IT DO for YOU?**

Worry is something we **do to try to** feel more in control of a situation
we have no control over

All worry does is lead people to discouragement

The Philippians 4:8 filter

1. **True** – Meditation on God's Word
2. **Noble** – Worthy of respect
3. **Right** – In harmony with God's standards
4. **Pure** – undefiled, innocent, modest
5. **Lovely** – Generous, gracious
6. **Admirable** – Highly regarded, good report
7. **Excellent** – Best model/example possible, virtue
8. **Praiseworthy** – Best reputation possible

There SHOULD be some changes made this week!