



# The LORD is NEAR!

Philippians 4:1-7

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## Message Section

### 1. The Problem

**Philippians 4:1-3, NASB 2020** -<sup>1</sup> *Therefore* [lit., “so then” meaning in light of all that was stated in Chapter 3], *my beloved brothers and sisters, whom I long to see, my joy and crown, stand firm* [like a soldier in battle maintaining his post] *in the Lord in this way, my beloved.* <sup>2</sup> *I urge Euodia* [a name meaning “good” or “pleasant journey”] *and I urge Syntychē* [a name meaning “unifier;” we know nothing about these ladies other than they are co-laborers with Paul and are mentioned in non-biblical sources as key players in the life of the Philippian church] *to live in harmony in the Lord.* <sup>3</sup> *Indeed, true companion* [a word picturing two oxen in a yoke—pulling the same load; we don't know for sure who this significant one might be], *I ask you also, help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement* [the only thing we know about him is his name] *as well as the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life* [God has recorded the name of every person, from all time, who have trusted in Christ in the “Book of Life” (cf., Rev. 3:5; Dan. 12:1ff; Mal. 3:16; Luke 10:20; Rev. 17:8; 20:12) I think Paul is saying to the church, “We are all in this together for the long haul.”].

### 2. The Prayer

**Philippians 4:5-6, NASB95** -<sup>5</sup> *Let your gentle spirit* [“Gentleness” lit., “yielded rights”; Pastor Joe says, “I don't care who's right—I care what's right”] *be known to all men. The Lord is near* [“Near” refers to both location and time; the Lord is (1) in close proximity to each and all of us right now and (2) He is coming again to rescue this world—very, very soon]. <sup>6</sup> *Be anxious for nothing* [in the imperative mood; The word “anxious” describes being divided and pulled in different directions; Paul is saying “there is absolutely nothing that you should be worried about—nothing”], *but in everything* [the good and the bad] *by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God* [More on these words later; there are four words for prayer used in this one verse and we will look at each of those four words in our next message].

#### A. We must never be stressful in anything. (v. 6a)

**Philippians 4:6, NLT** -<sup>6</sup> *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.*

#### B. We must always be thankful in everything. (v. 6b)

**Philippians 4:6, NIV84** -<sup>6</sup> *but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

“You will never know peace of mind until you know the mind of Christ.”

### 3. The Peace

**Philippians 4:7, NASB95** -<sup>7</sup> *And [then] the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in* [preposition used in the genitive case indicating source; who is the Source of this unexplainable peace?] *Christ Jesus.*

## Life Application Section



### How do we get that kind of ‘peace’?

“It's important that everyone knows that I'm so much more than the bad things that happen to me.”  
 “You can't wait until life isn't hard anymore before you decide to be happy.”

- Jane Marczewski (a.k.a., “Nightbirde”)

**“Know God—Know Peace; No God—No Peace!”**

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