

## To Walk With Jesus Part 4

😊 “Don’t Skip Thanksgiving” 😊

### **Philippians 4** NIV

**4 Rejoice in the Lord always.** I will say it again: Rejoice! **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.

*We should keep in mind that Paul wrote these words from a Roman prison either in Rome or Ephesus. The Apostle did not write these words in response to a crisis, as he did with Galatians and Colossians. Instead, he wrote to express his appreciation and affection for the Philippian believers.*

**It’s Thanksgiving Time Y’all (Yous Guys) ...** 😊

### **Rejoice in the Lord Always**

- This is a clear instruction from God’s Word...
- It is not just a recommendation or idea...
- If Paul the Apostle can write these words from a Prison Cell and Rejoice so can we...
- There is an imperative here “Rejoice in the Lord Always, again I will say Rejoice”...
- Our Rejoicing should not be subject purely upon our conditions but your Lord...
- Rejoice in Him...
- There is a calling not to look simply at our circumstances but to have faith in God and our faith should affect our attitude...

**Story:** Michael Davis - Former Board Member at Pagosa First Assembly use to sing the song “**If your happy and you know it**”

## **Jeremiah 22**

**6** For this is what the Lord says about the palace of the king of Judah:

“Though you are like Gilead to me,  
like the summit of Lebanon,  
I will surely make you like a wasteland,  
like towns not inhabited.

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**Vs 8** “People from many nations will pass by this city and will ask one another, ‘Why has the Lord done such a thing to this great city?’ **9** And the answer will be: ‘**Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord their God and have worshiped and served other gods.**’”

**They forsook God’s Covenant and worshipped other things  
They forgot to Worship God and put no other God before Him...  
Israel forgot what God had done...**

**This Thanksgiving Season**

**Rejoice in the Lord...**

**Remember what God has done in your life...**

**Even if your circumstances aren’t exactly what you wanted, Rejoice in God anyways...**

**Rejoice in His Lord and His Blessing...**

**Rejoice in His Favor and Salvation...**

**Lest we forget...**

**Be Anxious for Nothing**

**Vs. 6**

**Do not be anxious** about anything, but in every situation, by **prayer and petition**,

Right now there is a lot Anxiousness in the world...  
Don’t be Anxious...

**Anxious:** Careful, Thoughtful: Comes from the Root Word - Anxiety: to be drawn in different directions.

## **John 14**

“**Let not your heart be troubled**; you believe in God, believe also in Me. **2** In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

The disciples seemed to have reason to be troubled. Jesus had just told them, one of them was a traitor, that all of them would deny Him, and that He would leave them that night. All of this would legitimately trouble the disciples, yet Jesus told them, **let not your heart be troubled**.

Then he says in **Vs. 1** “**Let not your hearts be troubled**”

- Jesus never promised a life without trouble,
- He did promise we can have an untroubled heart even in troubling times.

This was, in a sense, a command. “The form of the imperative here implies that they should “stop being troubled.”

In other words; “Set your heart at ease”

## **Matthew 6:34**

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

## **In Every Situation Pray and Petition with Thanksgiving**

### **Vs. 6**

but in every situation, by **prayer and petition**, with **thanksgiving**, present your requests to God.

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### - Before Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

#### **Matthew 14:19**

...**he gave thanks** and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

### - Before Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand

#### **Matthew 15:36**

**36** Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and **when he had given thanks**, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. **37** They all ate and were satisfied.

### - At the Last Supper before the Cross

#### **Matthew 26:26,27**

Jesus took bread, and **when he had given thanks**, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

**27** Then he took a cup, and **when he had given thanks**, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.

- When there wasn’t enough, Jesus gave Thanks and there was Enough...
- When they needed a Miracle, Jesus gave thanks and there was a Miracle...
- Before Jesus layed down his life as a Sacrifice, he gave thanks, and becomes the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

## Closing

### **Vs. 6,7**

6 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.

### **John 14:27**

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

This is amazing what Jesus is saying...

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you;

The word Jesus probably used here was Shalom

Shalom:

- a key word and image for salvation in the Bible.
- refers to a person being uninjured and safe, whole and sound.
- reconciliation of all things to God through the work of Christ
- complete well-being — physical, psychological, social, and spiritual
- peace with others, peace between parties.
- peace within
- a state of national tranquillity

### **The Blessing of Aaron:**

Numbers 6:24-26

“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.” ’