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The Key to Joy (Hint: Jesus)



Philippians 4:6-7

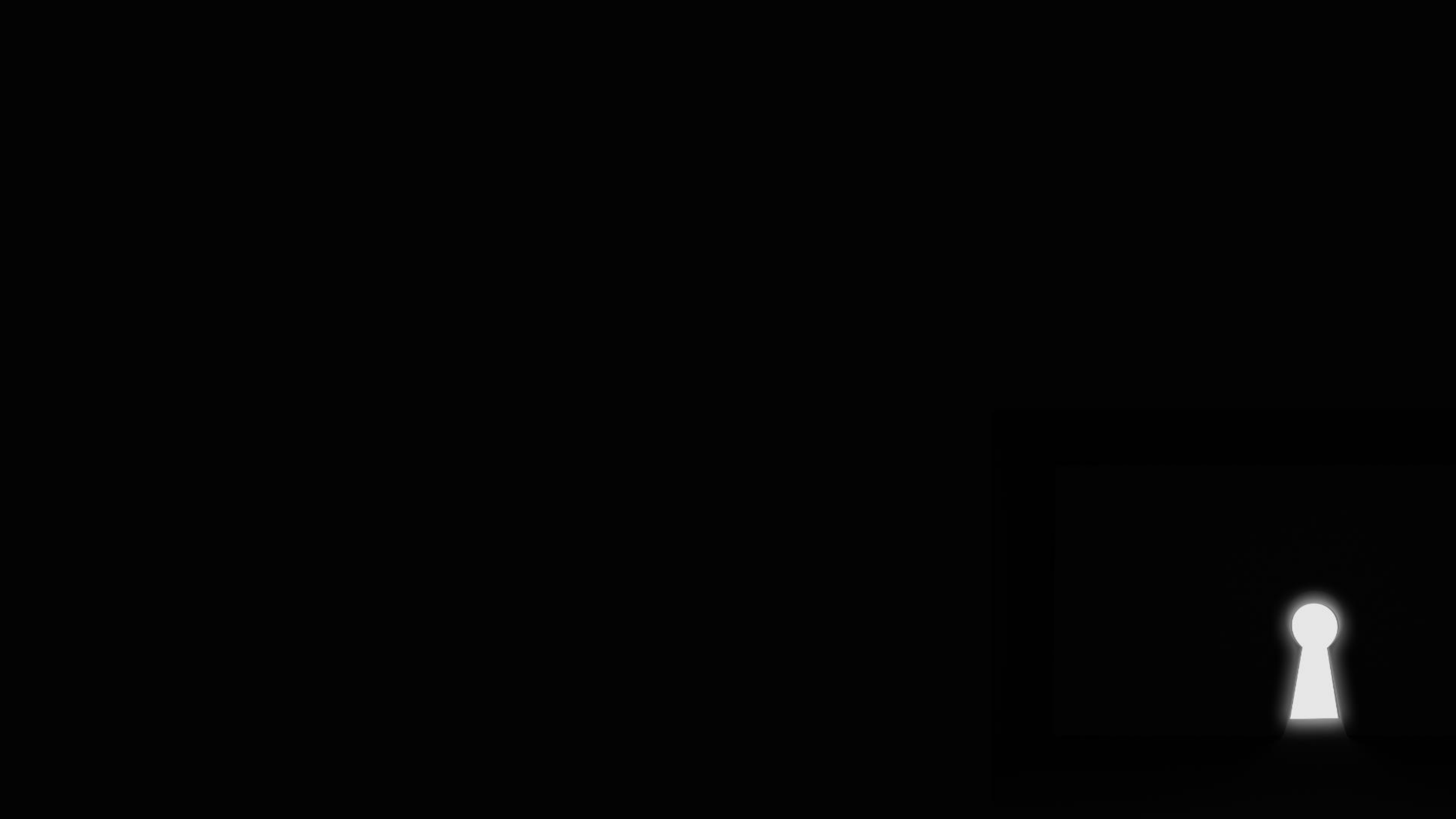


Worry:

“A small trickle of fear that meanders through the mind until it cuts a channel into which all other thoughts are drained.”







I. WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

A. Prayer

1. It isn't automatic
2. It is asking

B. Peace

1. It isn't the assurance of a storybook ending
2. It is inward rest



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II. WHO ARE WE TALKING TO?

A. A God who knows

“...He (God) knows everything.”

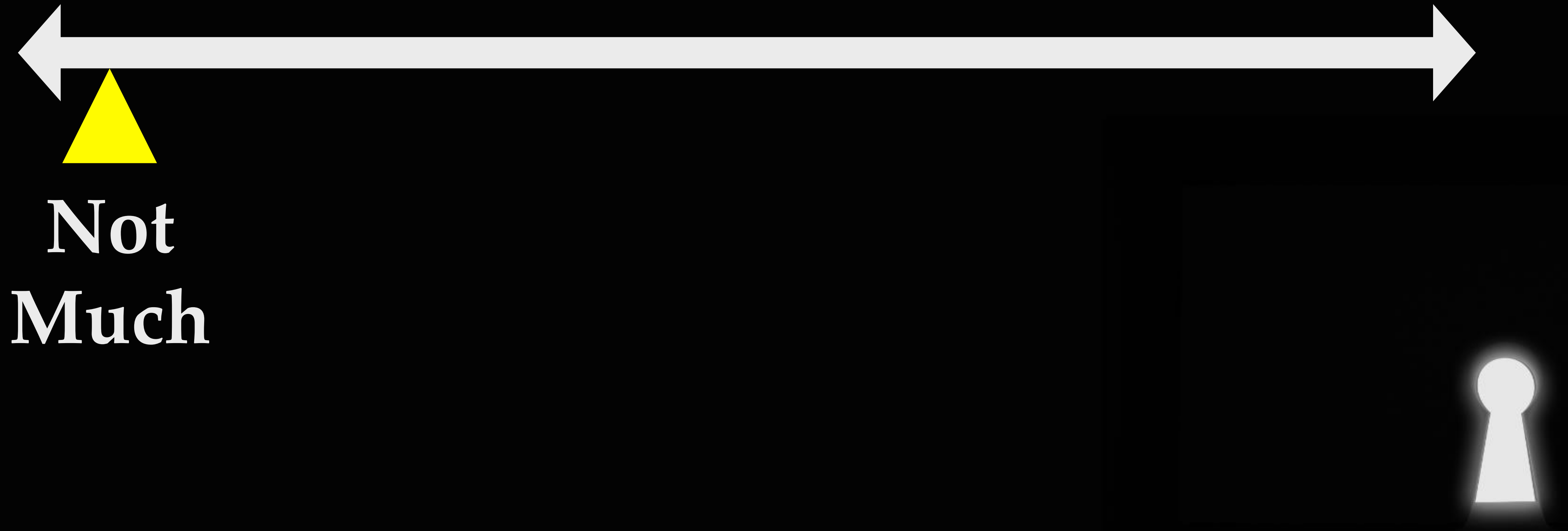
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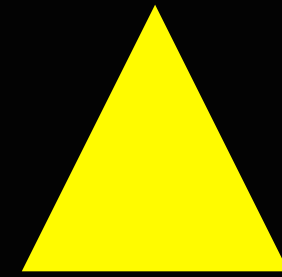
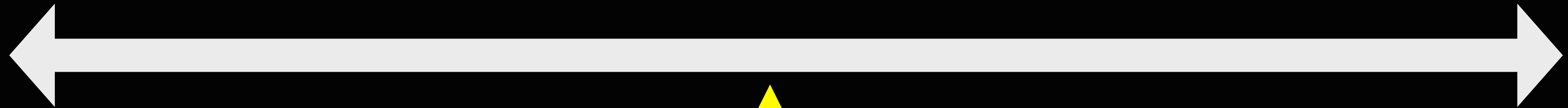
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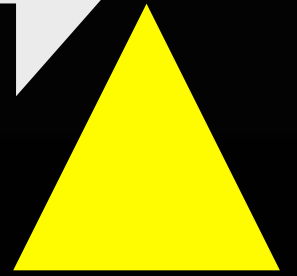
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Absolutely
Everything



O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.

David, Psalm 139:1-6



And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases
as the Gentiles do, for they think that
they will be heard for their many words.
Do not be like them,
for your Father knows what you need
before you ask Him.

Jesus, Matthew 6:7-8



II. WHO ARE WE TALKING TO?

A. A God who knows

B. A God who cares



Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
And not one of them will fall to the ground
apart from your Father.
But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.
Fear not, therefore; you are of more value
than many sparrows.

Jesus, Matthew 10:29-31



Cast all your anxieties on Him,
because He cares for you.

1Peter 5:7



II. WHO ARE WE TALKING TO?

A. A God who knows

B. A God who cares

C. A God who controls



“Is *anything* too hard for the Lord?”

Abraham, Genesis 18:14



“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh.
Is *anything* too hard for Me?”

Jeremiah 32:27



Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us,
to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Apostle Paul, Eph. 3:20



And we know that for those who love God,
all things work together for good,
for those who are called
according to His purpose.

The Apostle Paul, Romans 8:28



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He who did not spare His own Son
but delivered Him up for us all,
how will He not also give us all things?

The Apostle Paul, Romans 8:32



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B. A God who cares

C. A God who controls



I asked for strength that I might achieve;
He made me weak that I might obey.
I asked for health that I might do great things;
He gave me grace that I might do better things.
I asked for wealth that I might be happy;
I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;
I was given weakness that I might feel a need of God.
I asked for all things that might enjoy life;
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I received nothing I had asked for
and all that I had hoped for.
God had answered my prayers.



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