

—Sermon Notes for August 1, 2021 —

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PAUL:
The Gospel According to Paul: Difficult Simple Instructions
(PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7)

Introduction

The theme of our Bible study is The Gospel According to Paul. So throughout 2021 we've studied passages about Paul and passages he wrote from Acts 8 through Hebrews. This morning we find ourselves in the book Philippians, chapter 4 and we find Paul sharing some final thoughts with the church in Philippi.

1. *Gently Rejoice* (vs. 4-5)
2. *Don't Worry* (vs. 6)
3. *Pray* (vs. 6)
4. *Receive Peace* (vs. 7)

Conclusion

Sometimes the simple things to do can be the most difficult things to do. But Paul knew a thing or two about difficulties. So we can trust his words when he suggests that prayer will bring us a peace that passes all understanding. Let's strive to live out these Difficult Simple Instructions and trust that God will give us this peace!

—Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life—

1. Reread Philippians 4, verse 4-7. How easy do you find it to live out the Difficult Simple Instructions? What makes it difficult for you to live out this passage?
2. Verse 4 says to rejoice always. Joy doesn't necessarily mean to be happy. How do you stay joyful even in difficult situations?
3. If we say that we trust in Jesus, why do we still become anxious about things? What are you anxious about right now?
4. How is your prayer life? Are you taking everything to the Lord in prayer? Or is prayer an after thought? What improvements do you need to make in your prayer life?
5. What are some times in your life that you have experienced peace that passes all understanding? Thank God for those times now!