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“FULL AND OVERFLOWING”

“EXPERIENCING AND EXPRESSING THE GENEROSITY OF GOD”

Paul's Final Words of Encouragement to the Church at Philippi

PART 2

“THE PROMISE OF SURPASSING PEACE”

“Lifting the Weight of Worry”

(Philippians 4:5-7; Matthew 6:25-34)

INTRODUCTION:

“...my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

— *Philippians 4:19*

OVERVIEW OF AND BACKGROUND TO THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS:

“Joy for the Journey: Experiencing the Firstfruits of our Heavenly Citizenship”

- Learning to sing in the midst of suffering: Three affirmations which marked the life of Paul and provided the basis for his remarkable joy:
 1. God led me here. (Acts 16:6-12)
 2. God is with me here. (Acts 16:19-27)
 3. God can use me here. (Acts 16:13-18, 28-40)

REVIEW: JOY BREAKERS (4:2-9)

“Restoring the Flow of Christ's Joy in Your Life” (Philippians 4:2-9)

1. Joy Breaker #1: Disharmony in the Body. (4:2,3)
2. Joy Breaker #2: Anxiety in the Heart. (4:5-7)
3. Joy Breaker #3: Impurity in the Mind. (4:8, 9)

JOY BREAKER # 2: ANXIETY IN THE HEART. (4:5-7)

“Let your forbearing spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

— *Philippians 4:5-7*

- The Principle: The way to be anxious for nothing is to be prayerful about everything in a spirit of thanksgiving.

1A. THE _____ OF WORRY: (6:25A)

"...For this reason I say to you, Do not be worried about your life..."

2A. THE _____ OF WORRY. (6:25B)

"...what you eat or what you drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on..."

"But the Lord said to her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things.'"

—Luke 10:41

3A. THE _____ OF WORRY. (6:27)

"And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?"

4A. THE _____ OF WORRY. (6:26-32)

1B. Worry is a witness to an _____.

"Do not worry then... For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things..." (v. 31, 32)

2B. Worry is a witness to an _____.

"...You of little faith..." (v. 26-30)

5A. THE _____ FROM WORRY. (6:26-34)

1B. By faith, _____ your _____ to the _____.

"But seek first His kingdom and righteousness..." (v. 33)

2B. By faith, _____ on the _____ of your _____
and your _____ to Him as your _____.

"Look at the birds of the air... Observe... the lilies of the field..." (v. 26, 28b-30)

"...For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things." (v. 32b)

3B. By faith, _____ in His _____ of the _____.

"...So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself..." (v. 34)

CONCLUSION:

"The Lord is near."

—Philippians 4:5b