Becoming A Toyful Berson

Rejoice in the Lord always

Philippians 4

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.



Joy & Rejoice

1 Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord!
(Philippians 3)



ALWAYS

- on every occasion
- every time
- without exception





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If you only experience joy on your best days, you have not yet tasted the best joy. We tend to think of joy as a light and fleeting feeling that comes and goes as life allows. But the best joy is strong enough for the realities of life — all of life.

We also tend to think of joy as optional, as icing on the cake of following Christ. Some Christians get to be happy, we think, wishing we were one of the handful who do. Yet the apostle Paul says, plainly and unapologetically, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice".



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We need to recognise that what Paul commands here is something that requires supernatural power – it is joy in the Lord. And, while we may never perfectly attain such joy in this troubled and broken world, Paul repeats the command for emphasis, as if to say: "It is possible!"

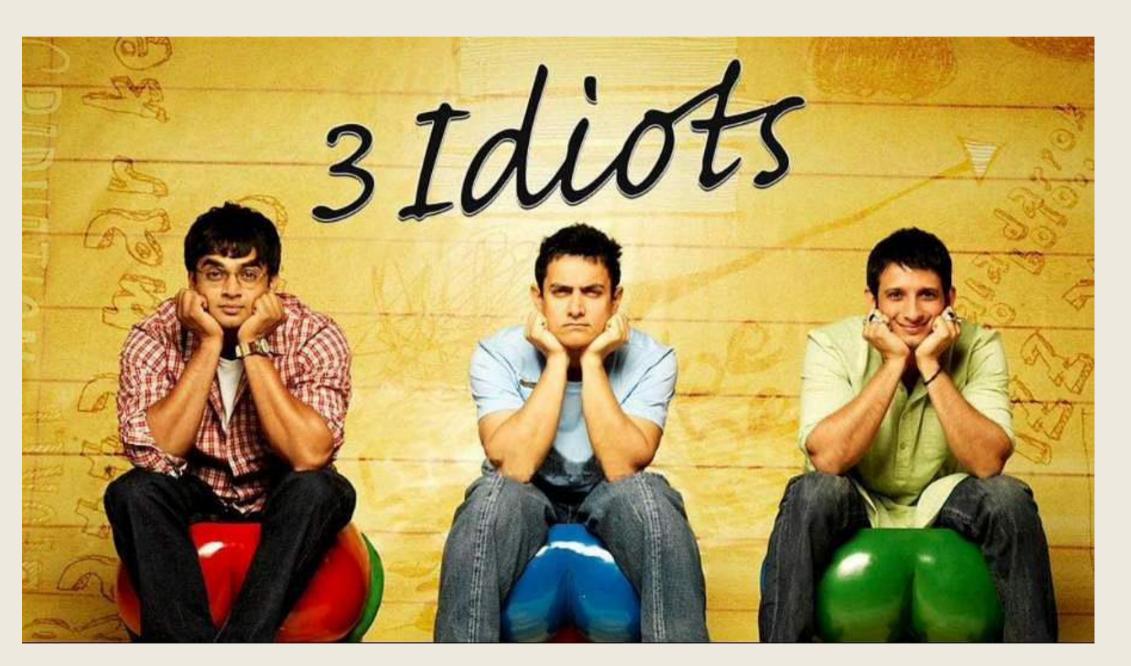


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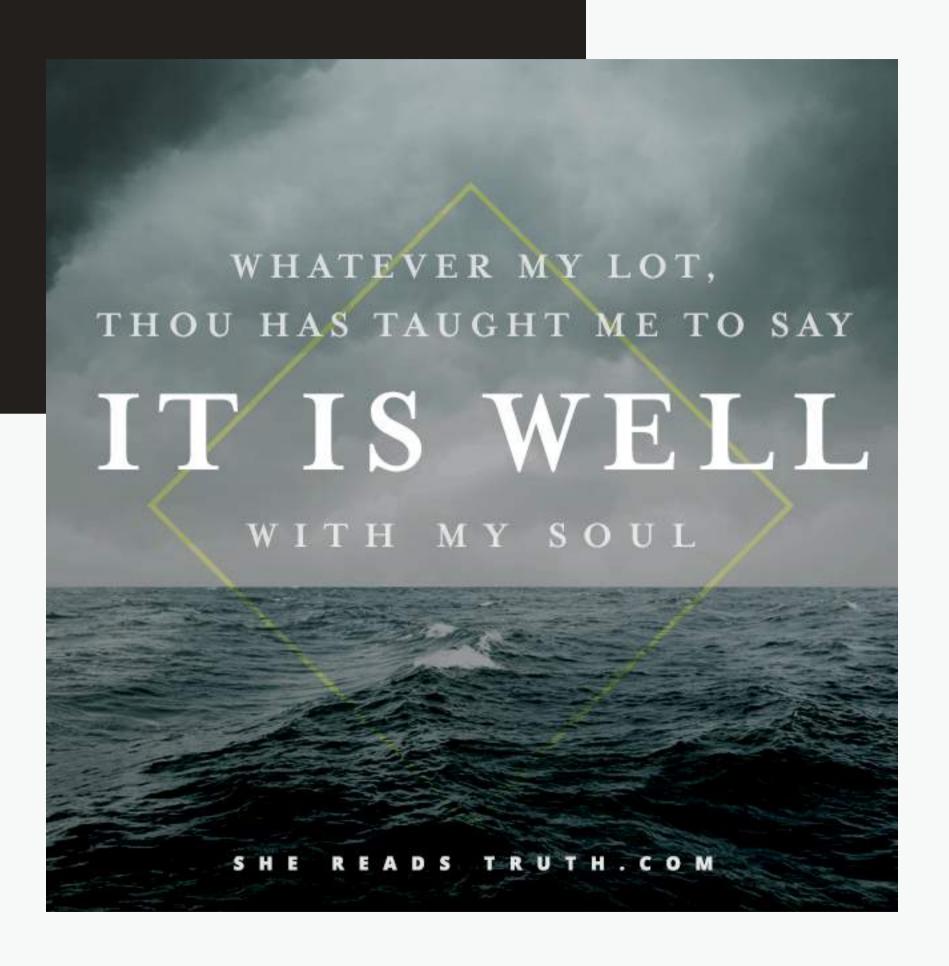
33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

(John 16)

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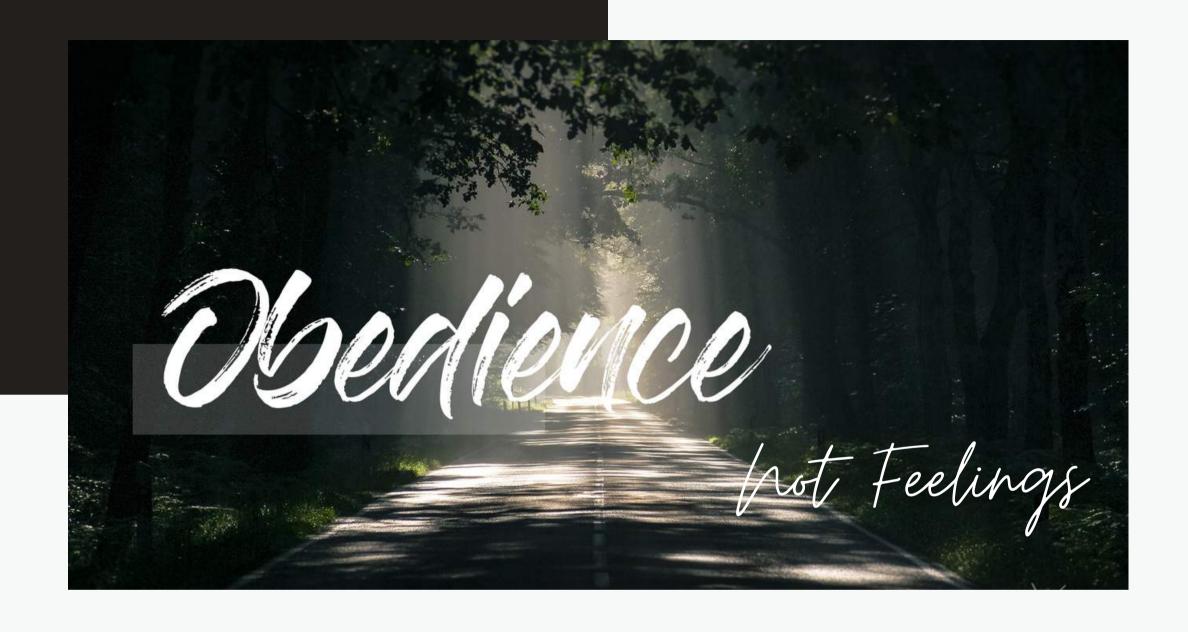




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28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

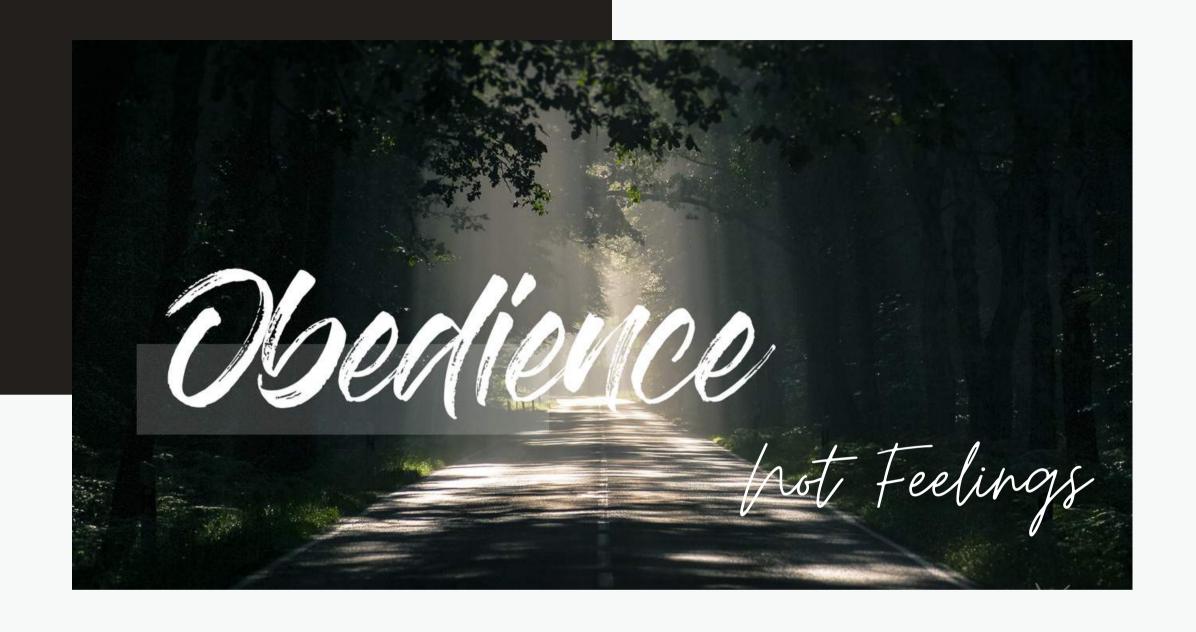
(Romans 8)



A Choice To Make

12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.

(Philippians 1)



A Choice To Make

18 But what does it matter?
The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, (Philippians 1)



Lifelong Pursuit & Learning

PHILIPPIANS 4

Il ... for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.



Practise Forbearance

2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. (Philippians 4)

Imitate The Humility of Christ!

LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS ALSO IN

Christ Jesus

Philippians 2:5



THE LORD IS NEAR

- The Lord Is Always Present
- The Lord's Coming Is Near



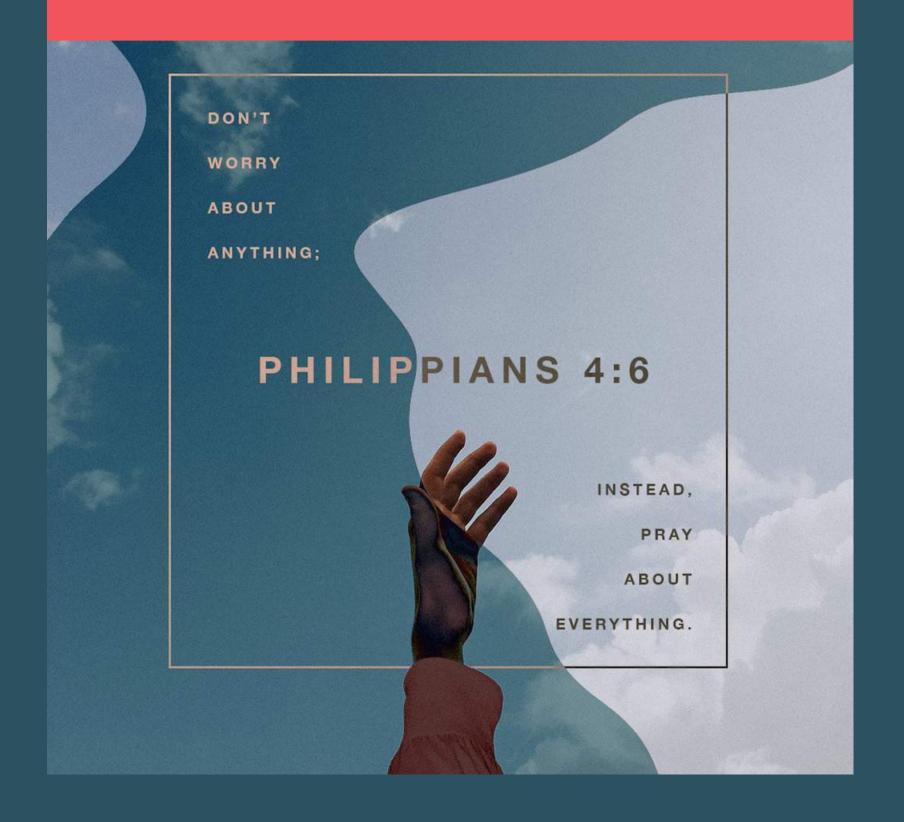


PUT OFF ANXIETY

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

(Matthew 6)

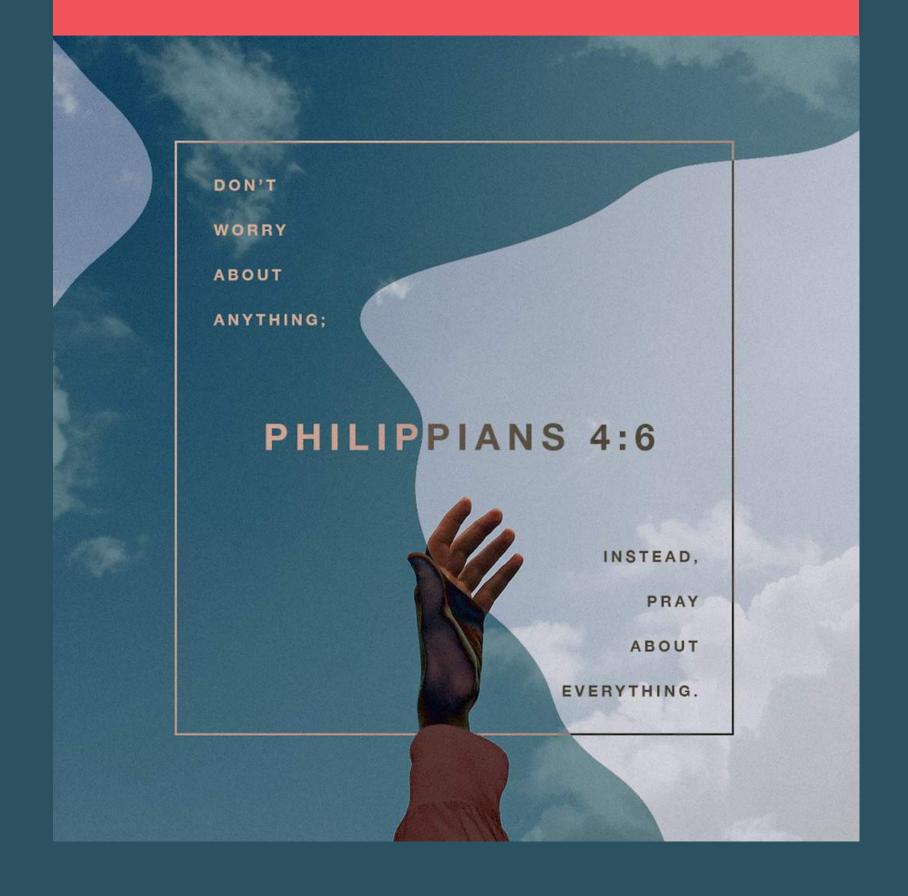
Pray With Thanksgiving



PHILIPPIANS 4

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

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It shows us our total need for God Himself, and not just for certain temporal benefits. It casts us in dependence on Him, so that we will "seek, love, and serve Him, while we become accustomed in every need to flee to Him as to a sacred anchor." It purifies our desires, since we must bring them to God Himself. It prepares us to receive thankfully what He gives, being reminded that it comes from His hand. It helps us to meditate on His kindness as we delight in what He has given. It confirms to us our own weakness and God's great providence and faithfulness in meeting our needs.



Thanksgiving

PAST

Remember

PRESENT

Submit

FUTURE

Trust

Philippians 4

7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.





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