

The Path of Peace

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PHILIPPIANS *Transcendent Joy*



WARM UP

What is something you're grateful for that originally was difficult or undesirable?

COMING UP

[GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR](https://gracepolaris.org/calendar)

Thanksgiving Care Packages Help out by donating food items (by November 17), nominating a care package recipient online, sorting/packing food (November 13–20), or delivering care packages to recipients (November 21). To download a shopping list, sign up as a volunteer, or nominate a recipient, visit [GracePolaris.org/Thanksgiving](https://gracepolaris.org/thanksgiving) or text "Thanksgiving" to 614-888-7733.

Thanksgiving Sunday Worship Service November 21 • 10:00 a.m. • WC Auditorium & Online

Volunteer to Decorate for Christmas Friday & Saturday, December 3 & 4 • To sign up, visit [GracePolaris.org/Decorate](https://gracepolaris.org/decorate) or text "Decorate" to 614-888-7733.

WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 Paul begins his sensitive words to members of the Philippian church by sincerely telling them of their value to him and his affection for them (4:1, 3). Why is this so beneficial and effective?
- 2 Paul calls out two of his valued teammates — Euodia and Syntyche — by name (4:2). When is it appropriate, even important, to challenge or confront other believers? How should this be done? Have you ever done so or been a recipient? What was your experience?
- 3 Do you agree or disagree with this statement: *Joy is not primarily a feeling, but a perspective, a choice, and a response* (4:4)? Explain.
- 4 Does Paul give any caveats or conditions to his exhortation to not be anxious (4:6)? Would you? What's the difference between sinful anxiety and godly concern? What are the best indicators of someone whose life is permeated by the peace of God (4:7, 9)?
- 5 "Without thanksgiving, prayer becomes merely a way of complaining to God about all the bad things that are or might be happening" (Walter Hansen). Is this true? Why? Is it true in your own life?
- 6 What are some practical ways we can influence and filter what we think about (4:8)? What thought patterns exist in your life that need to be altered?
- 7 Who do you know, personally, whose daily spiritual patterns and integrity are worthy of imitating (4:9)? Describe them. Take opportunity to thank them.

PRAY

Ask God to help you trust Him with gratitude in the relationships and circumstances of your life.