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THE PEACE OF GOD

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BIG IDEA

Peace with God is received through faith in Jesus. The peace of God grows as we learn contentment, choose rejoicing, bring our concerns to God, and depend on Christ's strength each day.

READ TOGETHER

Philippians 4:4-13 | Notice the choices Paul gives, the promise of peace, and the source of contentment.

INTO THE SERMON

LOOK BACK AT SUNDAY

1. What idea, phrase, or illustration from Pastor Rich's message stayed with you most? What made it memorable?

2. Pastor Rich distinguished peace with God from the peace of God. How did he explain the difference, and why does that distinction matter?

INTO THE TEXT

OPEN PHILIPPIANS 4

1. Read verses 10-13. What did Paul learn about contentment in both need and plenty? Where did he find strength for every circumstance?

2. Read verses 4-7. Trace the movement from rejoicing and gentleness to prayer, thanksgiving, and peace. What actions are believers invited to take?

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INTO THE TEXT

CHOOSE THE WAY OF PEACE

3 Read verses 8-9. What kinds of things should shape our thoughts? How are thinking and practicing connected to the promise that the God of peace will be with us?

4 Read Romans 6:11-14. What choices does Paul tell believers to make? How does this support Pastor Rich's call to yield ourselves to God each day?

APPLICATION

PRACTICE HIS PEACE

1 What ordinary situation this week could become an opportunity to practice rejoicing rather than complaining? What might that response look like?

2 Which rhythm from Philippians 4 seems most practical for this week: rejoice, pray with thanksgiving, redirect your thoughts, or practice what you have learned?

THIS WEEK

CHOOSE ONE

- Try Pastor Rich's challenge: go one day without complaining; replace complaints with thanks.
- Turn one recurring concern into a specific prayer and thank God for his past faithfulness.
- Use Philippians 4:8 as a filter for what receives your attention and shapes your thinking.
- Before reacting to frustration, pause and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your response.

MEMORY VERSE / PHILIPPIANS 4:7

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