

How to Have God's Peace

Philippians 4:6-7 | May 24, 2020

Because the Lord is near,

Context: In the middle of several important exhortations (verses 2-9), the apostle Paul states an important reality: the Lord is near (verse 5). Now he turns in verses 6-7 to encourage believers towards a specific response.

Two steps to secure peace:

1. Stop worrying about _____ (6a).

Qualifications:

- a. This is not a summons to irresponsibility.
- b. This is not a glib command given by a care-free individual to care-free individuals.

2. Start praying about _____ (6b-7).

- What can we pray about? _____ (6)
- How should we pray? _____ (6)
- What should mark our prayers? _____ (6)
- Is prayer personal? _____ (6)
- What happens when we pray? _____ (7)



Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think our tendency when facing tough times is to worry or be afraid first, rather than to pray?
2. What are some other truths about God revealed elsewhere in the Bible that can help us overcome worry?
3. Which of the truths about prayer discovered in the five questions under point #2 encourages or challenges you the most today, and why?