

## The LORD is NEAR ~ Philippians 4:4-7

→Scripture Reading Phil. 1:12-15, 18-21

### Do NOT be ANXIOUS ~ Philippians 4:4-5

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

**TIME** - the day of His Return

**SPACE** - He is Close to each one of His people

### IMPLICATIONS

→Our ATTITUDE does NOT have to Reflect our CIRCUMSTANCES

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**Psalm 73:3** (NLT) For I envied the proud when I saw them prosper despite their wickedness.

**Psalm 73:25-26** (NLT) Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire You more than anything on earth. <sup>26</sup> My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is MINE forever.

→The Lord IS NEAR - He is Always WITH us

<sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is NEAR.

**Psalm 145:17-18** (NIV) The LORD is righteous in ALL His ways and loving toward ALL He has made. <sup>18</sup> The LORD is NEAR to ALL who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

**Hebrews 13:5** (NIV) Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

### PEACE of God ~ Philippians 4:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

**Philippians 2:20** (ESV) For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely CONCERNED for your welfare.

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

**Isaiah 26:3** (NLT) You will keep in perfect peace ALL who trust in You, ALL whose thoughts are fixed on You!

## APPLICATION

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**Isaiah 51:12-13 (NLT)** I, yes I, AM the one who COMFORTS you. **So why are you AFRAID of mere humans**, who wither like the grass and disappear? <sup>13</sup> **Yet you have FORGOTTEN the LORD**, your Creator, the one who stretched out the sky like a canopy and laid the foundations of the earth. Will you remain in **constant DREAD** of human oppressors? Will you **continue to FEAR** the anger of your enemies?...

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## TAKE AWAY ??

**Because God is NEAR we can...**

- REJOICE IN Him
- be GENTLE and Reasonable
- FACE our Fears and Anxiety
- turn to Him in Total DEPENDENCE
- Experience His PEACE

**1 Peter 5:6-7 (NIV)** Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

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Why these anxious human beings Rush about and worry so.  
Said the sparrow to the robin: Friend, I think that it must be  
That they have no heavenly Father, Such as cares for you and me. E. Cheney