

Philippians 1:12-13 (NIV)

Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.

Philippians 1:14-15 (NIV)

Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly. ¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill.

Philippians 1:18-19 (NIV)

...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, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

Philippians 1:20-21 (NIV)

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to LIVE is Christ and to DIE is gain.

The LORD is NEAR

Philippians 4:4-7

TIME - the day of His Return

SPACE - He is Close to each one
of His people

**→ Our ATTITUDE does NOT have
to Reflect our CIRCUMSTANCES**

**⁴ Rejoice IN the Lord
ALWAYS.**

I will say it again: Rejoice

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.**

²⁶ 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

⁵ 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.

¹⁸ 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.

Philippians 2:20 (ESV)

For I have no one like him, who will
be genuinely CONCERNED
for your welfare.

Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

You will keep in **perfect peace**

ALL who **TRUST** in **You**,

ALL whose thoughts are

FIXED on **You!**

⁶ **Don't WORRY** over anything whatever;
TELL God every detail of your needs
in **earnest and thankful prayer,**
⁷ and the **PEACE of God** which transcends
human understanding, will keep
constant GUARD over your hearts and minds
as they rest IN Christ Jesus. (JBP)

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Isaiah 51:12 (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?

Isaiah 51:13 (NLT)

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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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.

⁷ **Cast ALL** your **ANXIETY** on **Him**
because He cares for you.

Said the robin to the sparrow:
I should really like to know
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.

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