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The Path to Joy and Peace
Philippians 4:2-9
Series: The Joy Factor

Central Passage

Philippians 4:2-9 (ESV) — 2 I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Central Thought: The path to joy and peace is a day to day commitment to the way of Jesus – working out our faith in the daily realities of life.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV) — 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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We Remain on the Path of Joy and Peace...

- ❖ Through a tenacious commitment to unity within the community of faith for the sake of Christ.

Ephesians 4:1-3 (ESV) — 1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (See also Phil. 2:6-8)

- ❖ Through a life of prayer, based in the confidence that Jesus is with us right now.

John 14:25-27 (ESV) — 25 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. (See also Matthew 6:25-34)

- ❖ Through focusing on the beautiful and the good in the world around us.

Quote: "All truth is God's truth."

- ❖ Through following the council and example of mature believers.

1 Corinthians 4:15 (The Message) — 15 There are a lot of people around who can't wait to tell you what you've done wrong, but there aren't many fathers willing to take the time and effort to help you grow up. It was as Jesus helped me proclaim God's Message to you that I became your father.