

Encounter these verses today:

*circle words that you identify with,
underline phrases or sentences you'd
like to remember, write questions about
the passage out to the side ...*



Philippians 4:4-20 ::

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again:

Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

14 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. 15 Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; 16 for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. 17 Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. 18 I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. **19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.**

20 To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Welcoming the Light of the World!

January 01, 2012 | Pastor Terry Bate

"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

What are your goals for 2012?

How will your understanding of God's provision better understand how your needs will be met this year?



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Digging Deeper

[Engaging the message throughout the week]

Monday: 01.02.2012

Prayer Focus: The Flushing Community

Passage: Philippians 4

Insight: *Monday morning blues? It's the last day of winter break and many return to work today - the kids head to school tomorrow - it's the first Monday of 2012. Allow Paul's words sink into your heart today. Rejoice. Think on such things. I can do it! God will meet my needs.*

Questions for consideration:

As we make plans for 2012, how can you make more room for Jesus to work in your life?

How can verse 8 change our outlook on life's trials?

Tuesday: 01.03.2012

Prayer Focus: FCC Church Leadership

Passage: Joel 2:28-32

Insight: *Our Tuesdays for this series will focus on Old Testament prophesy. Joel's words speak of a time when the Holy Spirit will be unleashed within the world. I'm encouraged to think there will be a season of great clarity and vision for the church.*

Questions for consideration:

Are we very good about listening for God's voice through others?

Can you imagine being young and reading this prophesy? What would go through your head?

Wednesday: 01.04.2012

Prayer Focus: Upward Basketball & Cheer

Passage: Luke 2: 22-38

Insight: *The story of Christmas concludes this week with our reading of Simeon and Anna getting to see this promised child with their own eyes. They spent their entire life waiting - never giving up. Can you imagine waiting on the arrival of the Messiah, still?*

Questions for consideration:

What would be on your lips if you were Simeon or Anna?

What do you think Mary felt when Simeon prophesied, "And a sword will pierce your own soul, too"?

Thursday: 01.05.2012

Prayer Focus: May God Reveal His Light to You

Passage: Psalm 121

Insight: *Thursdays will be a day to read from the book of Psalms. This Psalm speaks of God's protection and provision for his children. He is watching over you - even right now he is keeping watch.*

Questions for consideration:

Where do you turn for help? Who's your first call?

Do you believe the Lord can protect you in this way?

Friday: 01.06.2012

Prayer Focus: Our church worship services (1/8/12)

Passage: 2 Peter 3

Insight: *There has been a lot of speculation about the events of 2012. Will this be the final year of life on earth? Is the Mayan calendar correct ... will the earth somehow reset itself this year? As believers, this can cause us concern but scripture is clear that we ought to live our lives in a way that each day, each year could be our last. May the words of 2 Peter 3 give you hope today and challenge you to put your hope in things bigger than what we can see.*

Questions for consideration:

What do you think about God's timing of things? (v8-9)

How does living with expectation of "the day of the Lord" (v12) change your perspective on living each day?

How should we "be on guard" (v17)?



If you are interested in joining our iPray Team that will be interceding our concerns for the church, our community and nation, send Pastor Terry an email or fill out the "Get Involved" insert this morning!