



“Taking a Stand”

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Philippians 4:1-9, p. 820

This is how God wants us to take a stand for Him:

1. Pursue reconciliation ***now***. (Philippians 4:1-3)
2. ***Rejoice no matter*** the circumstance. (Philippians 4:4)
 - Romans 5:3
 - Ephesians 5:20
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:18
 - James 1:2
3. Practice the ***nearness*** of God. (Philippians 4:5)
4. Fight worry with ***prayer*** and ***gratitude***. (Philippians 4:6-7)
5. Dwell upon ***whatever*** (context of Scripture). (Philippians 4:8)
6. ***Discipline*** ourselves for appropriate action. (Philippians 4:9)

THE ONE THING:

“Do whatever”

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Philippians 4:4-9.
- I need to reconcile with...
- I am pre-occupied with...
- Pursue the peace of God.

NOTES FOR PERSONAL & GROUP STUDY

KEEPING IT REAL

1 What kinds of things do you worry or fret about?

LOOK AT THE BOOK

2 Read Philippians 4:4-9. What does Paul say about anxiety and what to do instead of worrying?

The peace of God is also mentioned in Psalm 85:8, Isaiah 26:3, John 14:27 and Luke 24:36. What are the qualities of wholesome thoughts? In what ways can believers enjoy the Presence of the God of peace?

3 Experiencing a Win-Win life:

- a. How can you have a peaceful spirit? How might this affect your family, friends, and workplace?
- b. What does it take for you to think wholesome thoughts? Is your prayer life honest and sincere talk with God? Why or why not?

TAKING IT FURTHER

4 What can you do this week to keep a more peaceful heart and reduce your level of anxiety?

WORSHIP LYRICS

If you'd like to spend more time with the lyrics from any of the songs this morning, please click on the song title below to continue worshipping.

- [Greatness of Our God](#)
- [The Lion and the Lamb](#)
- [Behold the Lamb](#)
- [Be Still My Soul](#)
- [Nothing But the Blood](#)