

PEACE...

...when life is hard

Phil. 4:6-7

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Philippians 4:6

- 1- That's easy for Paul to "say"
- 2- Every Command of God is a **Promise** of Provision...in disguise!
 - * We fulfill God's commands by **trusting** God to fulfill His promises!
- 3- The Command—*don't be anxious*—is actually God's **invitation** to trust Him.
 - * Verse 5—"The Lord is...**near!**"
 - Psalm 145:18
 - Jesus' disciples on a stormy day at sea
 - * Verse 6—"Pray with thanksgiving!"
 - I Peter 5:7—"Cast *all* your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."
 - Matt. 6:25—Jesus' call to trust God
 - II Cor. 12:9-10
- 4- Suffering is the call of God to **draw near** to Him more than ever before.
 - * He can save us from self-**reliance**/sufficiency
 - * II Cor. 1:9—"This happened in order that we might not rely on *ourselves*, but upon *God*, who raises the dead!!"

Philippians 4:7

- As we grow to trust...God does something amazing in our hearts!
 - * He applies **His Peace!**
 - Verse 9—"The God of Peace will be with you!"
 - * God's Peace guards and protects the heart.
 - * Isaiah 26:3—"You keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you because he trusts in You!"