

Philippians – Above the Circumstances!

Phil 4:6-9

- The Lord is near – do not be anxious about anything. (NIV)
- Don't worry about anything. Instead, pray about everything! (NLT)

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- **Stop worrying**

- **Two kinds of imperatives (e.g. Eph 5:18)**

- **Present tense: stop doing something you are doing**

- **Aorist tense: start doing something you are not doing**

- **Here: Walt ... stop it!**

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- **Stop worrying**
- **See Matt 6:25-41 – “Do not worry” times 3!**
 - **Worry is a faith issue**
 - **Worry is a practical denial of God's goodness/power**
 - **Worry is a wrong focus: tomorrow and the problem instead of today and God**

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- **Pray instead: believing, expectant prayer**
 - **Not primarily focused on reminding God of our problems**
 - **Instead, focused on reminding ourselves just who God is!**

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- **Pray instead: believing, expectant prayer**
- **God's peace standing guard over our hearts and minds!**
 - The result of truly knowing and actually believing who God is
 - The gracious, omnipotent, loving God who truly is, is truly all we need – He may be totally trusted.

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- **Context of 'such things': worry**
- **The fullest expression of 'such things': God Himself**
- **What must we remind ourselves about God?**
 - He is true. Never lies, deceives, fails
 - He is noble. Worthy of respect
 - He is right. Righteous.
 - He is pure. Unadulterated in goodness
 - He is lovely. Winsome
 - He is excellent. Nothing better, most excellent
 - He is praise-worthy.

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- **Live this out in practice and God will be with us**
 - **Not only 'the peace of God' but also 'the God of peace'!**

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Make it Personal

- It is true for the 10 remaining believers in Malatya!



- May it be true for you!