Celebrate in Jesus!

Philippians 4:2-23

Rejoice in the Lord means to celebrate, revel, or delight in the Lord.

<u>UNITY BRINGS JOY</u>	4:2-5
Paul urges his disagreeing sisters in Christ to find common ground in the Lord.	
Fellow believers can help them remember their past shared service to the Lord.	
When we rejoice in the Lord, we look beyond ourselves and delight in our relations Jesus.	ship with
Be considerate, generous, and gentle with one another because Jesus is coming b	ack.
Seek unity by on your shared service and joy in the Lo	rd.
WORRY STEALS JOY	4:6-9
Anxiety is an uneasy feeling of apprehension or worry and is the opposite of peace) .
 Paul's remedy for anxiety is: Sincere prayer – Praise God. Tell God what you need. Thank God. Wholesome thinking – Consider that which is excellent and praiseworthy. Godly actions – Intentionally live like Jesus and for Jesus. 	
When anxious, God's peace by praying specifically, think and lovely thoughts, and walking with Jesus everyday.	ing true
SUPPORTIVE FRIENDS ENHANCE JOY	4:10-23
Paul is grateful for the Philippians' loving concern even more than for their gifts.	
Contentment comes from total dependency on the sufficiency of Jesus Christ.	
Paul wants the Philippians to understand their giving to him is giving to the Lord.	
Paul blesses all the Philippian believers and sends greetings from all the Roman b	elievers.
Give and receive with a joyful, contented heart, Jesus is your sand provision.	strength

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Acts 16:13-14

And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia... The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.

Proverbs 12:25

Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down...

Matthew 6:27,30

And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

2 Corinthians 10:5

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

Psalm 19:7-9

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

Colossians 3:12-13

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.