

PATHS OF PEACE

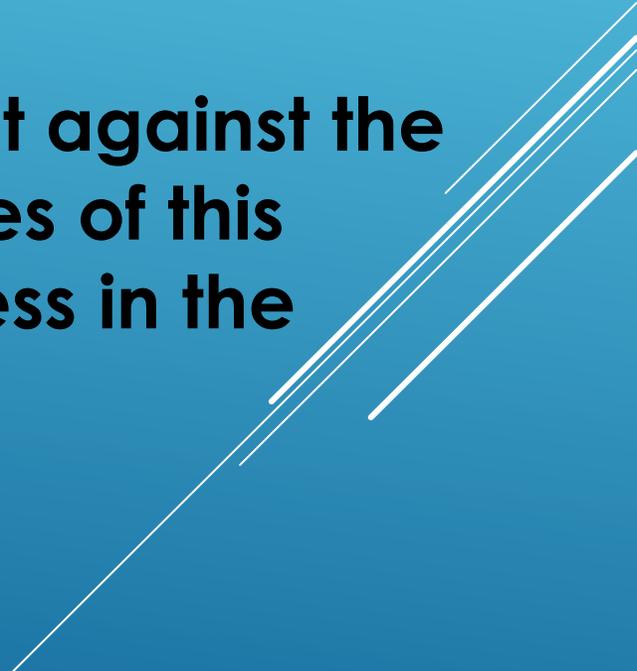
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Php 4:4-7)

TRAIN YOUR HEART TO RESPOND TO LOVE

- ▶ Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.
- ▶ (Php 4:8-9)

UNDERSTAND THE BATTLE

- ▶ **The promised land was occupied**
 - ▶ **He only leads us into conflict He equips us to win.**
 - ▶ **The horse is prepared for the day of battle, But victory belongs to the LORD. (Pro 21:31)**
 - ▶ **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. (Eph 6:12)**
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POSITION YOURSELF

- ▶ **This command I entrust to you, Timothy, *my* son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight, keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.**
 - ▶ **(1Ti 1:18-19)**
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STAND ON HIS GOODNESS

- ▶ It takes a Pharaoh to raise a Moses.
- ▶ Let God use what has impacted your life for His good.
- ▶ Allow God to work with you
- ▶ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place? "As for you, you meant evil against me, *but* God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. (Gen 50:19-20)
- ▶ Stop complaining about your life – get stretched you will go further.
- ▶ Do you know God outside of pain and need or is this the only time you talk to Him?