

# Philippians - Lesson 7

## Be Near, Oh God

### Verses to Remember

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (Phil 4: 8 KJV)

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:4-7 KJV)

### Philippians 4: 2-9

1. What four words do you think make this whole passage stick together? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you act differently when God is around than when He isn't?

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3. Does the consistency of your life reflect the nearness of God?

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4. Is there ever a time when God is not around?

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### Job 38

1. How many things can you name that God did and that He is asking Job if he could do?

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2. What can we learn about God from these verses?

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**Philippians 4: 2,3**

1. What seems to be the problem in Philippians 4:2-3?

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2. Not counting their funny names, what is the problem between the women mentioned here?

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3. What is Paul advising the Philippians to do?

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4. How can living in a community, any community be annoying, hard, fun, or take work?

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5. What do you think of when you think of discipline? How is discipline good? how is it unpleasant?

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**Philippians 4: 4**

1. Paul says we should have joy always. Name some times that it is difficult to have joy.

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2. Why does Paul repeat himself in verse four?

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3. Who can remember, where Paul is when he is writing these words?

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4. Do you think it was hard for Paul to have joy as he spent all this time in jail? Why or why not?

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**Philippians 4: 6,7**

1. What were you most afraid of when you were a kid? Why? How did you deal with it?

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2. What is it about being with someone else that helps us worry less?

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3. If we can realize that our Lord is near, how much easier would it be to face life day in and day out?

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**Philippians 4: 8,9**

1. What does it mean to think on things that are... true? noble? right? pure? lovely? admirable? excellent? praiseworthy?

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2. How do your thoughts affect your actions?

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3. What does God think of your thought life? Is he pleased?

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**Homework:**

- Memorize Philippians 4: 8 and Philippians 4: 4-7.
- Choose at least one of the options from the four spiritual disciplines on the next page.
- Do what it say during the next week, and be willing to share during the next class