

*COPING WITH LIFE'S
UNPREDICTABLES*

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It would be convenient and comfortable for us if we could exercise more control over life, but how can we when there are unpredictable situations, unpredictable people, and unpredictable problems?

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Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

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And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

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Principle #1 –
How to greet every situation:

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

Philippians 4:4

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Have you noticed there is always an “and yet”?

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The bottom line is Christ is Lord and we belong to Him. Come what may, that will never change and that is cause to rejoice.

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Principle #2 –
How to treat every person:
“Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.”
Philippians 4:5

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I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord.

Philippians 4:2

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If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.
Romans 12:18

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I have set the Lord always before me.
Psalm 16:8

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Principle #3 –
How to meet every problem:
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-8

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Don't worry about anything; instead
pray about everything.
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"...present your requests to God."
Philippians 4:6

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Sometimes God's answer to our prayer is, "No."

Sometimes God answers our prayers with a delayed response. Rather than say, "No", God says, "Slow." The timing is not right for the answer.

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And there are times God answers, "Grow." We have to grow more before we can receive the answer.

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"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, *with thanksgiving*, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

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“For this I have Jesus.”

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- Greet whatever comes with rejoicing in the Lord.
- Treat every person with gentleness.
- Meet every problem with prayer

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