

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



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“Timeless Advice” - Rev. Richard Meyer, Guest Speaker

Text Referenced: Philippians 4:1-9 (NRSV)

1. What stood out to you about the message?

2. Consider the context for this portion of Paul’s letter to the church at Philippi.
 - Paul is writing from his prison cell in Rome.
 - He responds to a matter of internal concern and offers advice as they navigate the theological and external challenges of being under Roman rule.
 - Are there other aspects of the Church at Philippi with which you are familiar?

3. **Read Philippians 4: 1-3.**
 - Generally, what do we learn about Paul’s relationship with these early Christians?
 - Specifically, what are your thoughts about his response to the situation with Euodia and Syntyche?

4. **Read Philippians 4: 4-7.**
 - How would/have you responded to being advised *to rejoice*, show *gentleness*, and *not be anxious* in a difficult situation?
 - When have you experienced the “peace of God” that guards your heart and mind as a result of praying about “everything”?

5. **Read Philippians 4: 8-9.**
 - What helps us appreciate the positive aspects of our faith when we’re in a difficult situation?
 - How has recognizing these blessings helped you navigate challenging times?

6. How can we pray for you?