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Worship Service  
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## PHILIPPIANS: Joy in the Journey

Lesson Twenty-Four • Philippians 4:4-5

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As recipients of God's grace we are to **DEMONSTRATE** God's grace in a disappointing and disagreeable world.

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.  
Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand.  
Philippians 4:4-5*

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### 1. Resolve to **REJOICE** in a Disappointing World!

#### The Command to Rejoice

Because our joy is rooted "**IN THE LORD**," make it your resolution to rejoice at all times and in all circumstances.

*Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.  
Habakkuk 3:17-18*

#### What Does "Rejoice in the Lord Always" Mean?

- "Rejoice in the Lord always" doesn't mean that we will **NEVER** experience sadness or grief over loss.
- "Rejoice in the Lord always" is primarily a matter of **OBEDIENCE**, not a matter of feeling.
- "Rejoice in the Lord always" is an **ATTITUDE** of contentment and hope that transcends circumstances.

### 2. Be Known for **REASONABLENESS** in a Disagreeable World!

#### What Is "Reasonableness"?

Reasonableness is the Christlike disposition that enables a person to display a gracious and **GENTLE SPIRIT** with everyone.

It's the opposite of being contentious and self-seeking.

*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.  
Philippians 2:4*

*To speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. Titus 3:2*

*I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ...  
1Corinthians 10:1*

#### The Command of Reasonableness

Because the Lord is "**AT HAND**," make it your reputation to be reasonable toward all people.

#### Why Demonstrate God's Grace?

We live in a world that needs to **SEE** the beauty and power of God's grace. So demonstrate God's grace by being joyful in a disappointing world and being reasonable in a disagreeable world.