



When the Seatbelt light comes on - Pray

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Scripture: John 4:4-7

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Icebreaker Tell three things about yourself: Two that are true and one that is not (tell then in any order). See if anyone can guess the one that is not true?

Question? Do you have any comments, questions or thoughts concerning Sunday's sermon?

Question? How do you handle change, transition, and uncertainty? Have you had a lot of change in your life?

I. The Bible was written during times of uncertainty

Question? Can you think of an example in the Bible where there was a situation that involved a period of uncertainty or transition? How was it handled?

Question? Do you have the tendency to try to control a situation? How much control do we really have over things?

II. Paul instructs us to pray in times of uncertainty.

Question? Read **Philippians 4:4-7**. How do you respond to the phrase "**Rejoice in the Lord always**"? Is that truly possible?

Question? What is the difference between "rejoicing always" and "rejoicing in the Lord always"?

Question? What do you think of the statement: "Spiritual stability is directly tied to what you think about God"?

Question? Give examples of things we can rejoice in the Lord about?

Question? In verse 5 it says: "**let your contentment and graciousness be known to all. The Lord is near.**" How does it help you get through times of uncertainty when you believe that the "Lord is near"?

Question? How does your **contentment and graciousness** make a difference for someone who does not know Christ?

Question? Verse 6 says: "**Be anxious for what? _____.**" How is that even possible, we all worry about something?

Question? What do you think of the following statements:

When we choose to worry about things instead of trusting God, one of two things are going on:

1. One, if you imagine that God can't help you, then you have created a god other than the true God, and that's blasphemy. You have created a god who is not God.
2. Two, if you believe that God could help you but won't, that's blasphemy, too, because you're questioning not just His character but His integrity and His Word.

Question? Read Matthew 6:31-34. What do those verses say to you?

Question? The last part of verse 6 states, "**...but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**" What are we suppose to pray about? What does thanksgiving have to do with making requests?

Question? What does this verse say about getting an answer that fits our liking?

Question? What do you think of the sample pray that states: "*Lord, here is my prayer _____ and I thank You that You will do what is best,*"

Question? Verse 7 states "**And the peace of God which surpasses all comprehension shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**" What does it mean the "peace of God" and how does God's peace serve as a guard for our heart and mind?

Prayer