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## **Philippians 4:4-7**

**Leader:**

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

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**All:**

**Let your gentleness be evident to all.  
The Lord is near.**

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**Leader:**

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

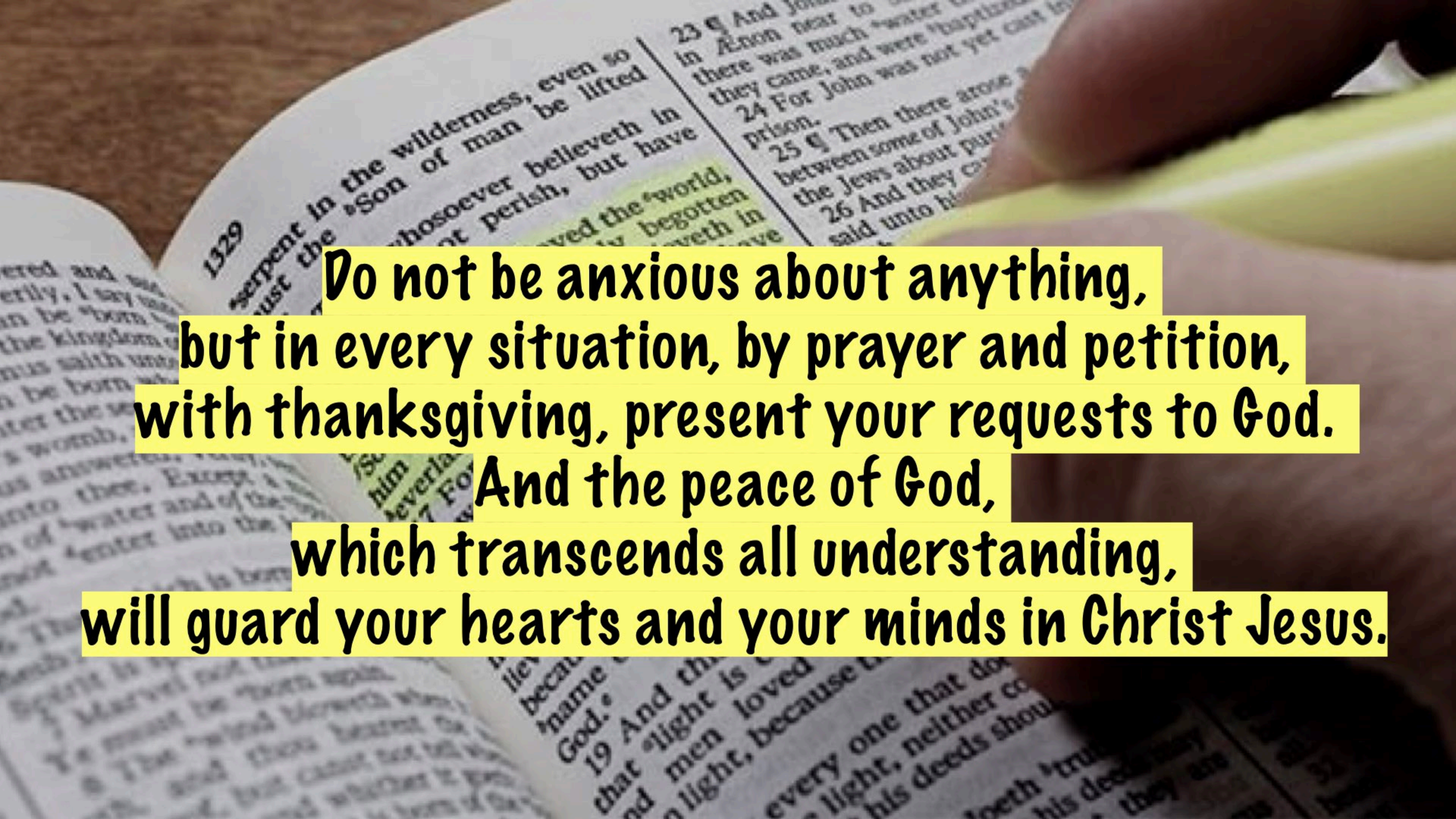
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**All:**

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

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A close-up photograph of an open Bible. The pages are slightly aged and show some wear. A yellow highlighter is visible on the right page, and a finger is pointing to the text. The background is a textured, brown surface.

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but in every situation, 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.**



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# CONTEXT?

Paul-Philippi  
HISTORY

Paul's Situation

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Philippians'  
Situation

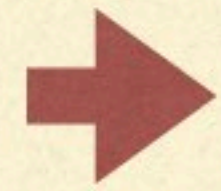
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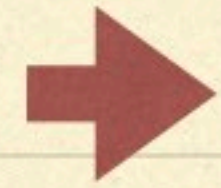
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Paul-Philippi  
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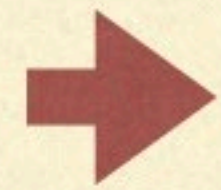
*SUFFERING!!*

Paul's Situation



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Philippians'  
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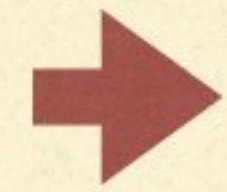
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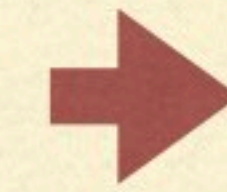
## CONTEXT?

## RESULT?

Paul-Philippi  
HISTORY

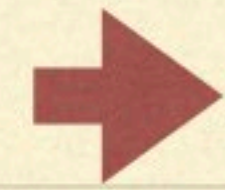


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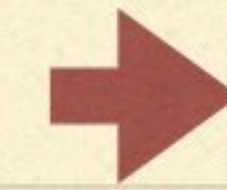


**JOY!**

Paul's Situation

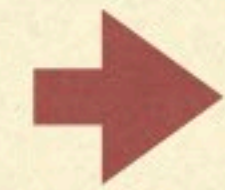


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**JOY!**

Philippians'  
Situation



*SUFFERING!!*



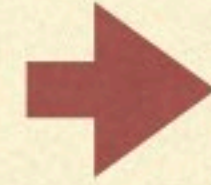
**JOY!**



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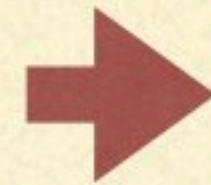
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PAIN



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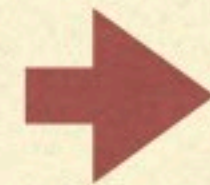
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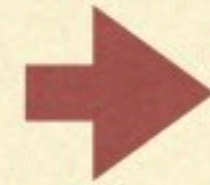
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STRUGGLE



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FRUSTRATION

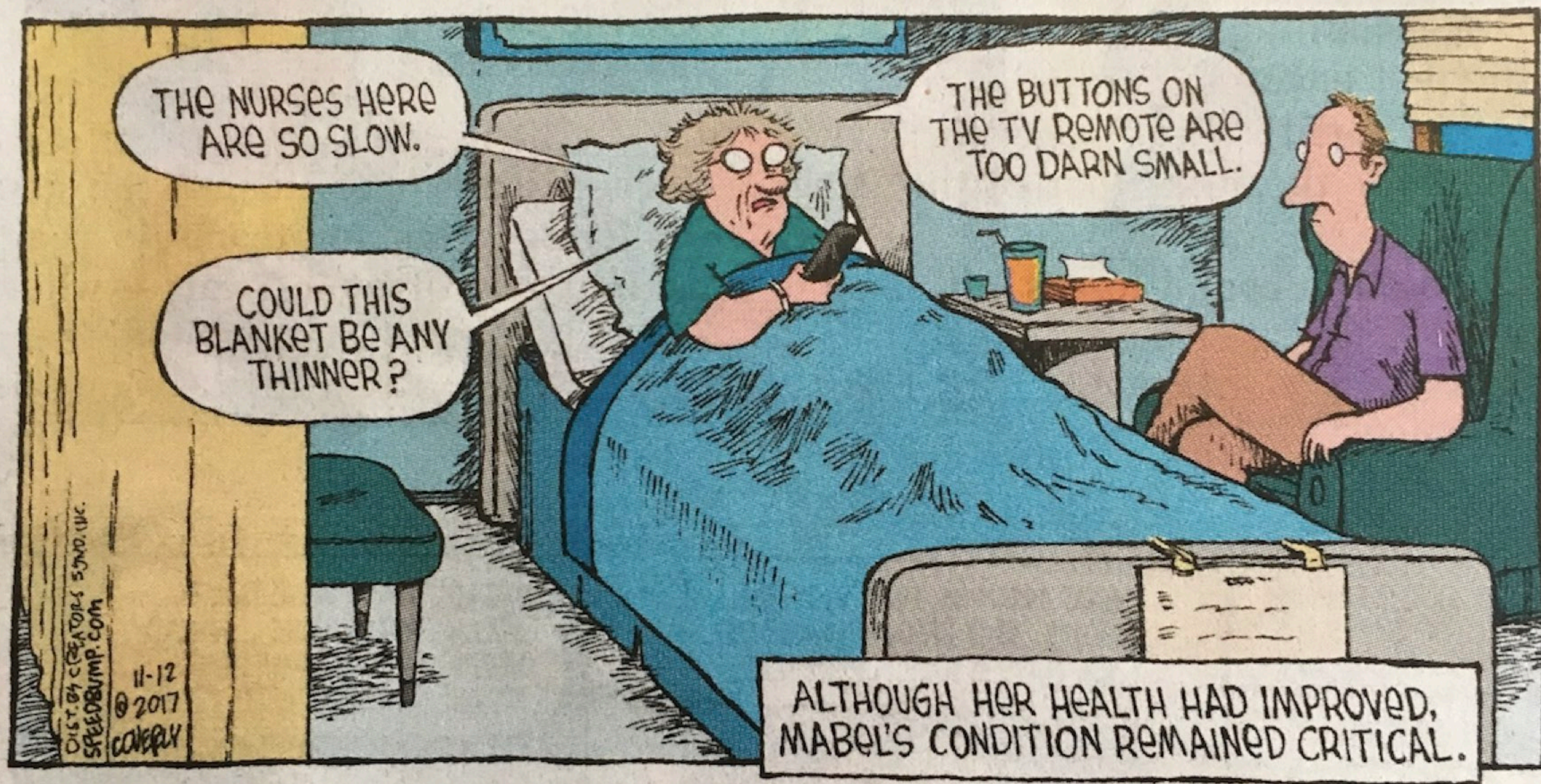


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# SPEED BUMP





# Philippians 4:4-8

Persecution	➔	<del>BITTERNESS</del>	➔	REJOICE
Opposition	➔	<del>RETALIATE</del>	➔	GENTLENESS
Suffering	➔	<del>ANXIETY</del>	➔	PEACE
All Circumstances	➔	THANKFULNESS & PRAYER		

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The FRUIT  
of the  
SPIRIT

= The  
CHARACTER  
of GOD

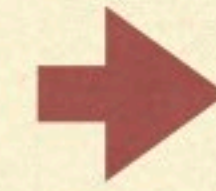
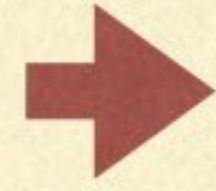
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Love, Joy, Peace, Patience,  
Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness,  
Gentleness, Self-control

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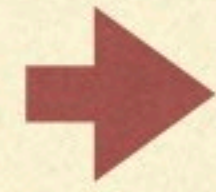


Persecution



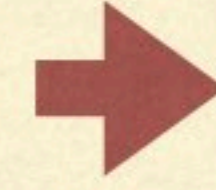
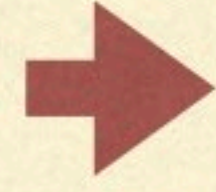
**REJOICE**

Opposition



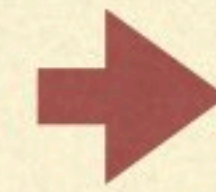
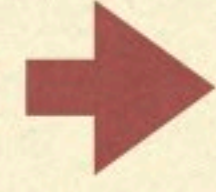
**GENTLENESS**

Suffering



**PEACE**

All  
Circumstances

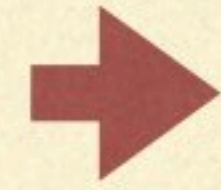


**THANKFULNESS  
& PRAYER**

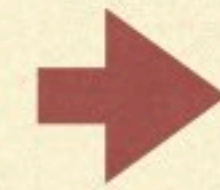




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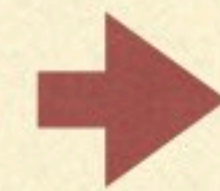
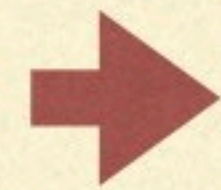


The  
Lord  
is  
Near



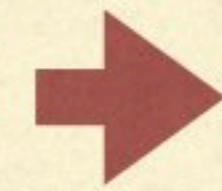
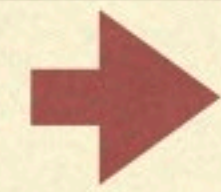
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Opposition



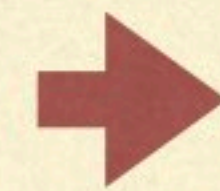
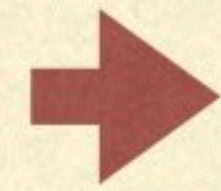
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