



G O D O U R P R O V I D E R

PHILIPPIANS 4:2-20

2 I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

God's Provision

10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. 16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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CIRCLE QUESTIONS

WEEK FOUR

God Provides in Prosperous Times Philippians 4:2-20

BEGIN IN PRAYER

- Take some time to ask God to quiet your hearts & make you aware of his presence in your life and in the group tonight.

Remember: We are not just gathering as a small group, but we are gathering & the Lord is in the meeting with us.

- Pray that everyone would feel welcomed and willing to join in the discussion.

DISCUSS

1. Read Philippians 4:2-20.
2. What initially stands out to you from the passage?
3. How have you seen prosperity and contentment in relation to one another? Are they connected, independent, or is one a prerequisite to the other?
4. What does it look like when someone lives out the secret of contentment that Paul references?
5. What are some common misconceptions of Philippians 4:13?
6. How is the call to live generously challenging to live out?
7. What does it look like to live in the truth of Philippians 4:19?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Pray for God to show you ways that you can trust Him and find contentment in Christ.

Pray for opportunities to give generously as a response to God's gracious provision.