

Sermon Notes

Joy That Holds: Peace & Strength No Matter What Philippians 4:4-13

Opener:

"Godliness with contentment is great gain."
What are your thoughts on that statement?
Read 1 Timothy 6:6-12.

Go Deeper: *(Exploring the Bible)*

1. Was Paul feeling like a "real prisoner" when he writes this last chapter?
2. What's seems to be one of the most powerful words used throughout this letter?
3. In chapter 4:6, what items do you think alleviates stress and anxiety the most?
4. List the 8 items in verse 8 that a person is supposed to think about the most.
5. What is the secret of being content?

Live It: *(Applying to Our Lives)*

1. What do you struggle with the most?
Health, money, family?
2. How much "peace" do have in your life?
How much do you pray about it?
3. Check Matthew 6, and think about how much you worry. Jesus urges you to put worry in the proper perspective. He compares it to 2 things. What are they?
4. What does Jesus conclude should be the first thing a Christian "seeks"?

Daily Bible Readings (August 30-September 5)

Sun: Philippians 2:12-18 Review the Stars
Mon: Philippians 1:21-23 To Live is Christ
Tues: Matthew 6:33-34 God's Kingdom & Righteousness
Wed: Matthew 6:28-32 Don't Worry About Clothes
Thurs: Matthew 6:25-27 Don't Worry About What You Eat
Fri: Philippians 4:8-9 Think On Such Things
Sat: Philippians 4:12 Need & Plenty

Life Notes

Upcoming Week

Sunday, August 30

8:30-11am Coffee & Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC

Monday, August 31

9-11:30am Food Pantry

Tuesday, September 1

6:30pm "Seekers" Small Group, B7
7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5

Wednesday, September 2

9-11:30am Food Pantry
10am Men's Bible Study, LR
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4

Thursday, September 3

9:30am Women's Ministry Leadership Mtg., C1
11am Al-Anon Meeting, C5

Friday, September 4

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, September 5

COMMUNION WEEKEND

8am Men's Bible Study, FS
4pm Worship, WC

CH = Chapel
FH = Fellowship Hall
C5 = Fireside Room
NR = Nursery
WC = Worship Center
C4 = Community Room

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AUGUST 29 & 30, 2026

PEACE & STRENGTH NO MATTER WHAT PHILIPPIANS 4:4-13



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JOIN THE GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER

September 6-13, 2026



Global Week
of 24-7 Prayer
6 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

GOD TIME: Joy That Holds

During our "Joy That Holds" sermon series, we invited you to share what brings you joy by writing on the beautiful banner in the lobby. And look how nice it turned out!

As we explored Philippians together, we were reminded that joy is more than happiness based on circumstances. Joy that holds is joy rooted in Christ—a steady joy that remains through both celebrations and challenges because Jesus holds us fast.

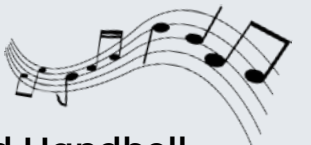
That is part of what makes this banner so meaningful. Each word and message reflects something that brings joy to the people of Victory, and together they create a beautiful picture of God's goodness in our lives.

If you haven't added yours yet, there's still time. Stop by the banner in the lobby and share: What brings you joy? This is the last weekend.



GATHER TIME: Music Ministry

Summer Concert: Lights, Camera... Music! — August 23, 2026



Choir and Handbell Ensembles

As we begin the fall season of worship and fellowship, we are excited to announce that our Choir and Handbell Ensembles will be returning! Whether you're an experienced musician or simply love making music, we invite you to share your gifts, grow in community, and help lead our congregation in worship.

Interested in joining the choir, ringing handbells, or learning more about our music ministry?

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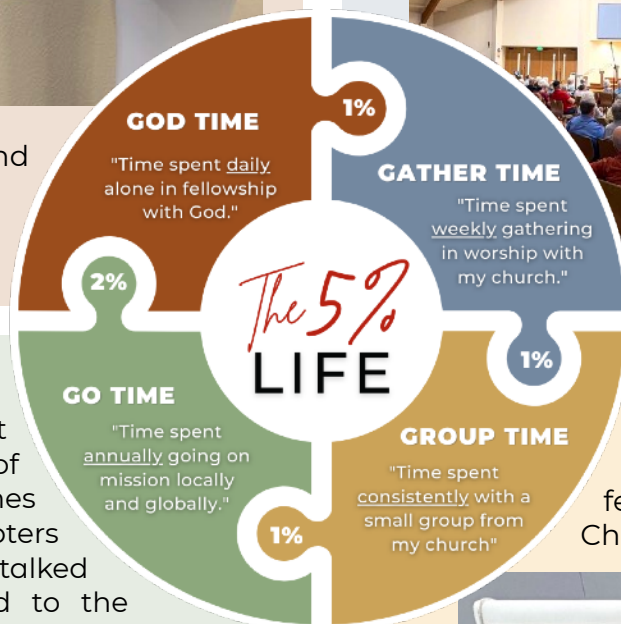


GO TIME: Blessing Bags

My women's summer book study group just finished our 2nd year in a 3-year trilogy of "Good and Beautiful God" books by James Bryan Smith. In one of the introductory chapters of "The Good and Beautiful Life", the author talked about the Kingdom of God, also referred to the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus, and later His disciples, taught that "the Kingdom of God has come near" (Matthew 4:17). What does that mean? It's a call to repentance, faith, and active participation in God's kingdom. Followers of Jesus are

invited to live according to kingdom values which are revealed in ordinary acts of service, compassion, and obedience, reflecting Jesus' life and teachings (Luke 17:21; Matthew 13).

As an example, I talked about Victory's wonderful worship services with Biblical preaching and inspiring worship, and how fun it is particularly during high season when we have 1,000+ each weekend. Everyone agreed. Then I shared a challenging thought, "what if, after attending a worship service, these 1,000+ went out to feed the poor, pray for the sick, and share the Gospel?" A holy excitement hit everyone in the room. Imagine for just one weekend the impact we could have for the kingdom of God! Then imagine the impact if we did it every weekend! Heather M. asked, "what can we do?" After some discussion we decided to put together 'blessing bags' that are filled with bottled water and other necessities that Victory people could have in their cars to share with those in need. We all see them on the sidewalks, in the parking lots, etc. Please be wise and safe, but also bold to reach out to share a practical gift to show God's love. **Blessing bags are available in the lobby. Please help yourself!** ~ Diane Snyder



GROUP TIME: Diamondbacks Faith & Family Night

On August 21, 2026, Victory and hundreds of local Arizona churches, ministries, and groups gathered for a night of baseball, fellowship and a live postgame concert featuring award-winning Christian recording artist Matthew West.

