

FAMILY TIES

Thriving through Unexpected Life Changes

Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV); Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

Topic Sentence:

I. Evidence:

- A. Share scriptural background information:
 - a. From the Creation to verify the power source that is available for believers to thrive through unexpected life changes.
 - b. The natural genealogical relationship of the Samaritan woman to Jesus and the spiritual relationship of this woman to God. There were familial ties unknown to her.
- B. Scripture Reference #1: Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)
 - a. **Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with** thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- C. Key Word Definitions:
 - a. Anxious
 - b. Everything
 - c. Peace
 - d. Surpasses
 - e. Guard

II. Questions

- A. Can the loss of a job, losing a home or a rebellious child make life unbearable?
ANSWER:
 - a. Loss of job: Philippians 4:19; Psalm 23:1; II Corinthians 9:8; Ephesians 3:16
 - b. Losing a home: Job 13:25; Psalm 66:12; Job 14:7' 23:10' 14:4
 - c. Rebellious child: Gen. 3:3,6; II Timothy 3:15; Mark 3:25; Proverbs 22:6; Colossians 3:21; Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Ephesians 4:6; James 1:16

By two years old your child should be trained to respect and obey authority or you should expect trouble ahead.

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III. Questions and Exercise

- A. Why do circumstances rob us of our peace?

ANSWER:

Scripture references: Philippians 4:7; Colossians 3:15; Hebrews 13:20-21;
John 14:27; Proverbs 3:6; I Chronicles 28:9

- B. EXERCISE:

Personalize this: I look at my circumference and see...I see and think... I think about what I see...I think and think until my eyes are set on what I see... I speak to myself about what I physically see. I begin to believe what I see is the end of me because my circumstances dictates it to me via my sight. My physical sight is limited to my sense of sight. My sight is the robber of my peace.

- a. Are peace and joy based on certainty or on circumstances?

ANSWER:

Scripture references: Isaiah 26:3; Isaiah 54:13; Psalm 119:165;
Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Ephesians 2:14

- C. EXERCISE:

Can you pull the word FAITH from this paragraph....extract the letters in FAITH from any of the words in this paragraph?

Conversion: the F is in circumference. The A is in physically. The I T H is in sight. Replace the S in sight with the F in circumference and you have FIGHT. Replace the G in sight with the A in physical. Now convert the letters and spell FAITH.

Circumserencephysicilly...fiaht...This is what "anxious" looks like.

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- D. Scripture Reference #2: Romans 8:28 (NKJV)
 - a. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

- E. Key Word Definitions:
 - a. Know
 - b. All
 - c. Work together
 - d. Good
 - e. Love
 - f. Called

IV. Questions and Answers:

- A. If we trust God that all things will work together for the good, then how should we face problems and difficulties?

ANSWER:

Scripture reference: I John 15:13-15, 3:22; John 14:13-14

- B. Can we still be thankful?

ANSWER:

Scripture reference: Ephesians 5:20; Psalm 34:1; I Thessalonians 5:18; Hebrews 13:15

V. Closing Statement

VI. Open forum for additional Q&A