

The Lake Church – Message – Pastor Jim Brown – March 15, 2020

Our Survival Kit

(Phil 4:4-9)

We're "stranded" in this broken world.

This virus is **NOT** from God. John 10:10: ***The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I [Jesus] have come that they may have life, and have it to the full***"

- Our survival kit: Personal Qualities -- for our BENEFIT.
- Need to develop so we can survive and THRIVE in the midst of a "tumultuous ocean."
- IF NOT – we're in trouble. We'll experience Fear. Doubt. Worry.

Philippians 4:4-9 NIV

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

PERSONAL QUALITIES:

I. BE _____.

Mentioned 14 times in 4 chapters – It must be important!

Vs 4 – ***"Rejoice IN THE LORD always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"***

- Paul COMMANDS them to be joyful. (1 Thess 5:16 too)
- Joy is NOT automatic.
- IF we lose our JOY, we'll be overcome with problems and pain in this world

II. BE _____ . (Paul's greetings: "Grace and Peace")

Vs 5 – ***"Let your gentle spirit be known to all. The Lord is near."***

(Barclay)- "Let your gracious gentleness be evident to all."

III. BE _____ .

Vs 6 – ***"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."***

Vs 7 – ***"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."***

IV. BE _____ .

Think about what you think about.

Vs 8 – ***"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."***

5. Can do ...WILL do _____ .

Vs 9 – ***"The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you."***