

Friday, February 28
A Road Map to Glory
Philippians 4:1-9

Follow the map's guideposts: Together! Rejoice! Gentleness! Near!
Anxious! Prayer and Petition! Thanksgiving! Peace! True! Noble! Right!
Pure! Lovely! Admirable!

The journey begins: A first step. Travel TOGETHER, “Stand firm in the Lord...agree with each other in the Lord.” We shouldn’t travel this road alone. Then seemingly, a roadblock. REJOICE always. Things are not always good – Rejoice? The NIV Bible's notes clear up this roadblock, “Our inner attitudes do not have to reflect our outward circumstances.” Our way becomes clearer. Our final destination should give us joy no matter the chuckholes and delays along our road.

How should we travel the road? With GENTLENESS, giving up anger, aggression, wanting to drive at our speed. What if we lose our way? Be willing to ask for directions. We have a Guide. God is NEAR. He's in control. We never need to be ANXIOUS. But, how can we not worry? The world is in shambles. This country is divided. Our lives have rough roads. What must we do? Talk with God by PRAYER and PETITION. He is always present. With THANKSGIVING for every day of our trip, be aware that He does everything for us.

The way becomes clear. Think about what is TRUE, NOBLE, RIGHT, PURE, LOVELY, and ADMIRABLE. Then, “The God of PEACE will be with you” and “will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” One step at a time, these guideposts will allow us to gain our final destination – GLORY!!

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Philippians 4:1-9 New International Version (NIV)

Closing Appeal for Steadfastness and Unity

4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. **3** Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Final Exhortations

4 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.