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Philippians 4:10-13;19-20

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Being a peaceful presence involves...

1. Caring deeply for others.

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a. Care impacts joy.

He told us about your longing for me, your deep sorrow, your ardent concern for me, so that my joy was greater than ever.

2 Corinthians 7:7

b. Seek opportunities to care.

Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. V. 10b

2. Being content in God.

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. V. 11

a. Our circumstances do not change God's character.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

b. A content heart is to be learned.

I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. V. 12

3. Facing all things with God's strength.

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a. God is the source of our strength.

The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

Exodus 15:2

b. Rely on Jesus.

I am counting on the LORD; yes, I am counting on him. I have put my hope in his word.

Psalms 130:5

4. Trusting God's provision.

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. V.19

a. We receive from His fullness.

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

John 1:16

b. God will come through.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:6

5. Doing everything for God!

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen V. 20

a. Everything is from God.

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

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b. Be a peaceful presence for God.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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