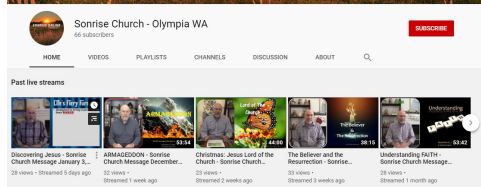




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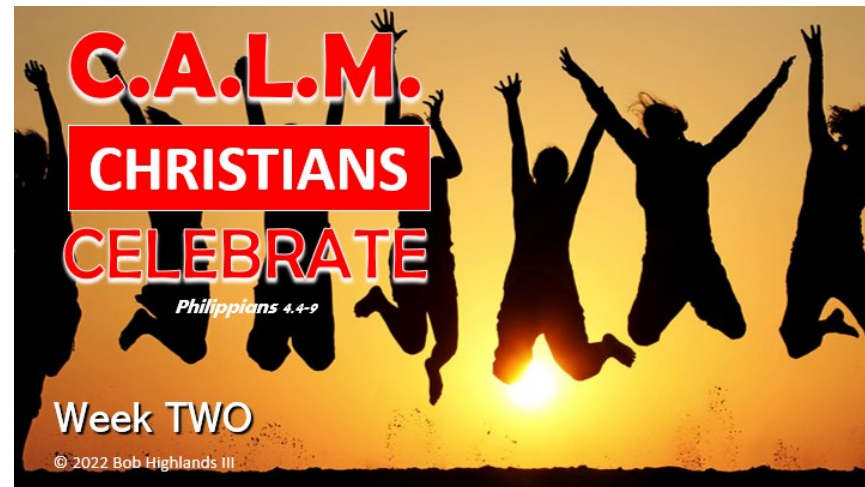
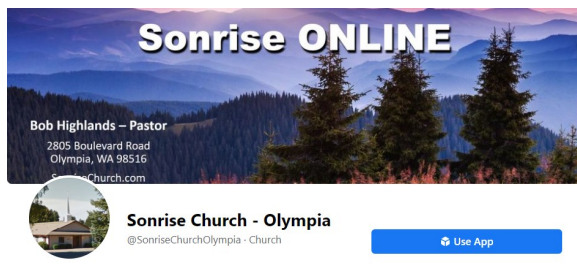


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God's Direction to Sonrise Church

- ◆ Finally, my brethren, _____ in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a _____ for you. Phil. 3.1
- ◆ _____ in the Lord = *Direction for dealing with world and all it throws at you.*
- ◆ _____ = *Don't fall down or get tripped up.*

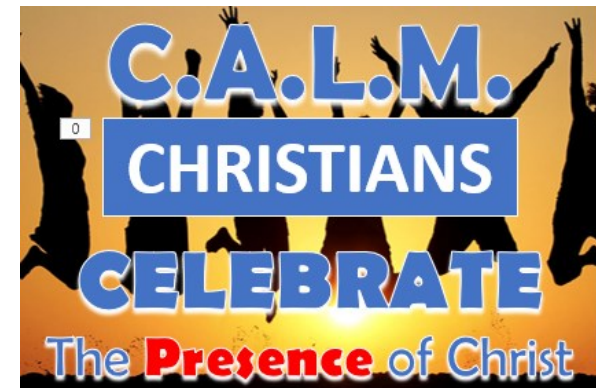
Most-Highlighted

- ◆ The most highlighted book is the _____.
- ◆ The most highlighted verses in the Bible are _____ John 3.16 or Psalm 23
- ◆ Philippians 4.6-7 is #1 in Bible highlights.
- ◆ Don't _____ about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- ◆ That tells us a lot about what people are _____ on in their daily lives.

HEY!

- ♦ _____ in the Lord always. I will say it again:
Rejoice!
- ♦ _____ is in the _____ tense. The time to rejoice is Now.
- ♦ This is best demonstrated in the life of Paul.
- ♦ Paul is thrown out of town after town so his response is always _____ ! I can take the message of Jesus to another town, there are plenty of people who want to hear about Jesus.
- ♦ Paul is arrested for preaching about Jesus so his response is _____ ! I can start a prison ministry.
- ♦ In Philippi they put in in the deepest darkest dungeon so his response is _____ ! The acoustics are great here, let's start a choir and sing praises to Jesus. Acts 16.25 (Jailer and family saved!)
- ♦ Some preaching out of rivalry, not sincerely to cause Paul trouble his response is _____ ! "What does it matter...Christ is proclaimed." Philippians 1.18
- ♦ In Rome he is chained between two guards to confine his activities so he responds _____ ! These guys aren't going anywhere I can tell them about Jesus and they have to listen. "it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard, and to everyone else, that my imprisonment is for Christ." Philippians 1.13
- ♦ "I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained." 2 Timothy 2.9
- ♦ Beaten, whipped, shipwrecked, hungry, thirsty, cold he responds _____ ! "Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day."
2 Cor. 4.16

- ♦ How often do we ask, "_____ that my sister has left me to serve alone? So, tell her to give me a hand."
- ♦ Jesus' response is a lesson we need to learn.
- ♦ "Martha, you are _____ = Stress and anxiety are worry producers in our everyday lives.
- ♦ Martha, you are _____ about many things = she had forgotten to focus on Jesus and was focused on the world.
- ♦ "one thing is _____ ." = The one thing that does not change and cannot be taken from you.



_____ in the Lord *all the time*.
Repeating myself *over & over & over*:
 So I'll say it again _____ !
 Let your _____
 be known to everyone.
 The Lord is near.
This is His Presence and His Promise.

Pastor Bob's Translation & paraphrase

The FOCUS is the LORD JESUS

- ♦ 2 Corinthians 4.8-9 we are
 - ◇ **afflicted** in every way, but _____ **crushed**;
 - ◇ **perplexed**, but _____ **despairing**;
 - ◇ **persecuted**, but _____ **forsaken**;
 - ◇ **struck down**, but _____ **destroyed**...
- ♦ Vs. 16 Therefore we do _____ lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

Understanding the PRESENCE of Jesus

- ♦ There are _____ on the sea of life see Mk 4.35-41
- ♦ How often do we ask, “_____ that we’re going to die?”
- ♦ Jesus’ response is a lesson we need to learn.
- ♦ “_____ ! Be still!” - He is in control and will calm the storm when he is ready, but don’t ever doubt it is His choice.
- ♦ “Why are you _____ ?” - If Jesus is in your boat, fear, anxiety, and stress are not in control. There is room for anxiety or rejoicing but not both.
- ♦ “Do you still have _____ ?” - Jesus was right there and they did not put their trust in Him. There will always be another storm.

Understanding the PRESENCE of Jesus

- ♦ There are the _____ in our daily lives. see Luke 10.38-41

- ♦ He is taken to Rome and sentenced to die his response is _____ ! “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.” Phil. 1.21



Why we REJOICE (Celebrate) in the LORD!

- ♦ “I have told you these things, so that in _____ you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16.33
- ♦ Our _____ is found in Jesus
- ♦ As long as we are IN this world, we need to face the reality that there are troubles.
- ♦ “The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, _____ all things by his powerful word.” Hebrews 1.3
- ♦ Because of him the _____ stays _____, and the _____ remain _____.
- ♦ This places us in a unique place to know he is in _____.
- ♦ We can wear our HURT or wear our _____.

When and Where we Are suppose to Rejoice

- ♦ Rejoice in the Lord _____ .
- ♦ This is a compound word that means you are supposed to Rejoice in the Lord “_____.” Literally, it means at “ALL TIMES.” There are no limitations on it or a small asterisk that says Rejoice at all times Except when.....
- ♦ I will say it _____ : _____ !
- ♦ Just in case you did not hear him the first five times he told you and then told you again and again...



God is FAITHFUL

- ♦ No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And GOD IS _____ ; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. 1 Corinthians 10.13
- ♦ But as surely as GOD IS _____ , our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.” For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him, it has always been “YES.” 2 Corinthians 1.18-19
- ♦ I REJOICE IN THE LORD because GOD IS _____.

You and Jesus—People are Watching

- ♦ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! LET YOUR _____ BE KNOWN TO ALL MEN.

- ♦ Everyone translates it differently: Gentle Spirit NASB; Graciousness HCSB; Moderation KJV; Gentleness NIV; Consideration NLT; Forbearance RSV; Reasonableness ESV; Patience WYC.
- ♦ The word is all but impossible to translate and without what follows it is absolutely impossible to get right.
- ♦ It is two words combined. “_____” and “_____”
- ♦ It is _____ you TO BE LIKE “_____”.
- ♦ You are LIKE JESUS, and He is with you so when you are LIKE JESUS, they call you a _____ or _____.



The FOCUS is the LORD JESUS

- ♦
- ♦ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. THE LORD IS NEAR.
- ♦ “I am with you always.” THE LORD IS _____ (_____)
- ♦ “Behold, I am coming soon!” THE LORD IS _____ (_____)