

If it seems like the world is in crisis, if it feels like the world is in crisis... it's because it is.

# Look around: people's quality of life is falling prey to the circumstances of their life.

### Have good people in your life who are also in your corner.

# We are all in process – so cut yourself and everyone else some slack.

## Joy assumes God is up to good even when things are bad.

#### Choose to have a great attitude.

# Introduction: Tell them what you're going to tell them.

Body: Tell them.

Conclusion: Tell them again what you just told them.

#### Life will be unfair, but you don't have to be unkind.

#### Worry is an unspoken belief that God won't take care of us.

Joy is the steadfast confidence that God is in control of all the details of my life and the settled assurance that ultimately everything is going to be alright.

#### Rejoice in the Lord always.

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Romans 5:3-4 NIV

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

#### Don't worry about anything;

Philippians 4:6 NLT

instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need,

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Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

# Being *grateful* is the first step toward becoming *joyful*.

# Expressing gratitude is the first step towards having joy.

Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7 NLT

# Joy is commanded. Peace is promised.

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. Philippians 4:8 NIV

Joy is a way of thinking that results in a way of living that ends with a way of feeling.

# Control your thinking and you will shape your feelings.

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.

Be kind. Don't worry. Pray. Be grateful. Manage your thinking. Have people in your life & in your corner.

When we begin to take responsibility for our thoughts, we can then begin to take responsibility for our emotions.

# Don't expect to live with joy when you don't live with purpose.

#### Worry is the unspoken belief that God won't take care of us.

# Worry about nothing. Pray about everything.

#### If it matters to you it matters to God, because you matter to God.

### Jesus defeated death so you don't have to be defeated by life.