

# LOST IN TRANSLATION

Philippians 4:4-13

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## Genuine thanksgiving...

...is a worshipful response to God's grace.

...produces Godly joy and peace

...is strengthened by being mindful of your thoughts.

...produces contentment regardless of circumstances.

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## FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word “thanksgiving”?
2. What did you learn about the meaning of the word “thanksgiving” in the English language and what it means in biblical literature? Search for passages that contain “thanks” or “thanksgiving” and share with one another.
3. When Paul says to rejoice, do you have a hard time doing this? What from this passage, particularly vv. 4-7 help you to understand how to rejoice?
4. What does the peace of God that surpasses all understanding mean? How does John 6:33 help you understand this? What other passages come to mind?
5. How do you practice prayer, supplication and thanksgiving?
6. What does it mean to protect your heart and mind? Read Romans 12:2, Matthew 22:37 and Psalms 119:169-176 and discuss.
7. In v. 8. Paul describes things we should think on, discuss what each of these mean and examples of how to think on these things. How does this help you look at circumstances?
8. In verse 9 Paul encourages us to practice what he has taught, how do you see yourself doing that?
9. Paul lists the various circumstances he has been in and concludes with the familiar “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” Does the context of this help you better understand what he means?

“I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . Come further up, come further in!” — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle