



He's Still Got the Whole World in His Hands #2 :: Pray Until the Peace Comes {Andy Stanley}*

INTRODUCTION

In the previous session, we said that God is at work even in uncertain times. It is good to know that he is working, but what should *we* be doing? How should we live in the midst of uncertainty? How can we keep from being overwhelmed by the fears and insecurities that often go hand in hand with uncertainty? God has a plan, and his plan is to replace our anxieties with peace.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share about a time when uncertainty created increased interest in spiritual things for you or a friend.
2. Read Philippians 4:4-7. Why are Paul's circumstances (in jail awaiting trial) crucial to the credibility of this passage?
3. Read Philippians 4:4. What are some things that you are more likely to rejoice in other than "in the Lord"?
4. Why, in the midst of this passage on uncertainty, does Paul exhort us to "let our gentleness be evident to all"?
5. Paul's use of the word "present" in verse six means "to reveal." Think about your recent prayers. What underlying, deeper needs are revealed by your prayer requests?
6. Complete the following sentences: Heavenly Father, I need _____. If you don't, I'm afraid that _____.

MOVING FORWARD

In the midst of our uncertainty, God offers us peace—a peace that replaces anxiety, fear, and insecurity. All you have to do is give up your illusion of control and embrace the reality of your dependence upon God. You do this by going to God in prayer with your deepest needs, hopes, and fears.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7