



## DNA of a World Changer

*You are called to make a permanent impact that will change the DNA of our society!*

**DNA:** Deoxyribonucleic acid is a molecule that **carries the genetic instructions** used in the **growth, development, functioning and reproduction** of all known living organisms and many viruses.

### Text Introduction (Php 4:1-9):

- Paul was writing a personal letter to the church of Philippi, (church he founded himself on his 2nd missionary journey with Silas & Timothy)
- Believed to be written 11 years after Paul's initial journey at Philippi
- Paul addresses the congregation as brethren (sibling believers)
- It is believed that Paul is writing from prison (even though he was physically in prison, spiritually he was free)
- The letter was filled with expressions of gratitude, instruction and a message to rejoice at all times

### Philippians 4:1–9 The Message

*My dear, dear friends! I love you so much. I do want the very best for you. You make me feel such joy, fill me with such pride. **Don't waver. Stay on track, steady in God.***

*I urge Euodia and Syntyche to iron out their differences and make up. **God doesn't want his children holding grudges.***

*And, oh, yes, Syzygus, since you're right there to help them **work things out**, do your best with them. These women worked for the Message hand in hand with Clement and me, and with the other veterans—worked as hard as any of us. Remember, their names are also in the Book of Life.*

***Celebrate God all day, every day.** I mean, revel in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute!*

***Don't fret or worry.** Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.*

*Summing it all up, friends, **I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse.** Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and*

*realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.*

### **World Changers remain focused (Stay on Track)**

- We do not know the reason for the disagreement amongst the 2 believers, but Paul emphasized the importance of intentional connections
- Paul asked the Philippians to help reconcile them
- As Christians we should set the example for the world on how to forgive and not live offended
- Stand firm against false teaching
- Stand firm against any form of divisiveness (Ephesians 6:11)
- Settle your grudges (Galatians 6:1).

We are instructed to live in harmony and be an example to others

**We wear the same jersey!**

*"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." --Helen Keller*

*"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." --Henry Ford*

### **World Changers choose to rejoice (Rejoices Always)**

*Rejoicing in the Lord, gives you heavenly perspective*

Rejoice (chairo-greek): To be glad, exceedingly rejoice, to thrive

- Even though Paul was in prison for doing the work of the Lord, he continued to motivate & instruct the church to rejoice
- Paul emphasized joy several times in the passage
- Rejoicing in the Lord, is not about your emotions, but about an obedience to God
- The choice to rejoice goes against our natural feelings during difficult situations
- Paul was full of joy, not because he was in the best situation, but because he knew who was with him

#### **When should we rejoice?**

- When you are persecuted for the sake of Christ (Matthew 5:12, Acts 5:41)
- When someone becomes a disciple of Christ (Luke 15:10)
- When others are rejoicing (Romans 12:15)
- We should rejoice in all things (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- Knowing that your name is recorded in heaven (Luke 10:20)

### **World Changers Talk to God (Prayer)**

*Worry & Prayer cannot coexist!*

- Worry is a habit that can be broken

- Continual conversations with God concerning your requests (big or small) coupled with gratefulness will chase away worry
- During these conversations, stay alert to hear God's heart, and his purpose for your life and the lives of others

### **World Changers evaluates their thoughts (Think Right)**

*Your personal thoughts determine your attitudes and actions. Your input determines your output!*

Changing your thinking is supernatural (must be renewed through the word of God). But you need to actively participate in this process.

Switch gears - arrest any thought that is not purposeful in your life

Paul's final words to the church "think about such things"

- True: Loving & speaking the truth, absence of rumors & evil motives
- Noble: Persons & deeds of good character
- Right: God's standards
- Pure: Sacred, modest
- Lovely: Moral thoughts
- Commendable: Thoughts that give praise and positive reinforcement