

BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS SERIES:

Joy in Christ

Philippians 4:2-9

Joy & Peace in the Lord

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1. Resolving Conflict

Philippians 4 v 2-3

² *I implore Euodia* and *I implore Syntyche* to be of the *same mind in the Lord*.

³ And I urge you also, true companion, *help these women* who laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names *are* in the Book of Life.

Resolving Conflict



Philippians 4 v 2-3

- He calls it out *openly*
- 'The same *mind* in *Christ*' (Phil 2:5-8)
- *Wider responsibility* to '*help these women*'



2. The Mind of Christ

Philippians 2 v 5-8

- ⁵ *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*
- ⁶ Who, being in very nature^[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness.
- ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!



2. Rejoice in the Lord

Philippians 4 v 4-5

'Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.'

Rejoice in the Lord

Philippians 4 v 4-5

Rejoice: 'something to *celebrate*;
or a reason to be *joyful*'





Rejoice in the Lord

Philippians 4 v 4-5

Rejoice *in the Lord* (and not in
*the state of their present
circumstances*):

I'm going to keep repeating it until you get it!

Rejoice in the Lord



Philippians 4 v 4-5

*to re-examine the **foundation** of
your joy'*

Rejoice in the Lord

Philippians 3 v 7-9



⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹



3. **Prayer** activates God's **Peace**

Philippians 4 v 6-7

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



3. **Prayer** activates God's **Peace**

Philippians 4 v 6-7

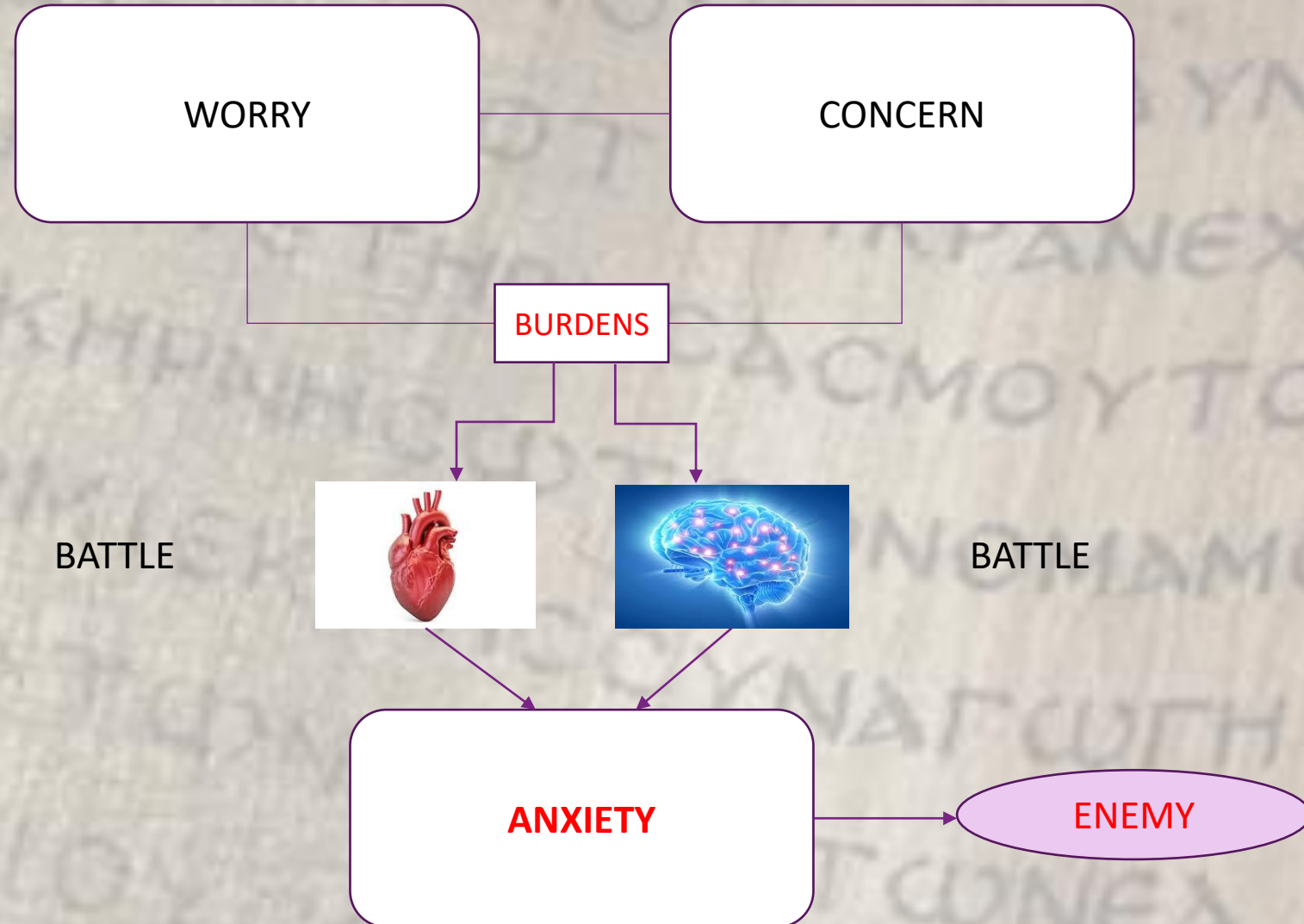
Anxiety: *'a feeling of unease caused by worry or a concern'.*

WORRY

CONCERN

ANXIETY

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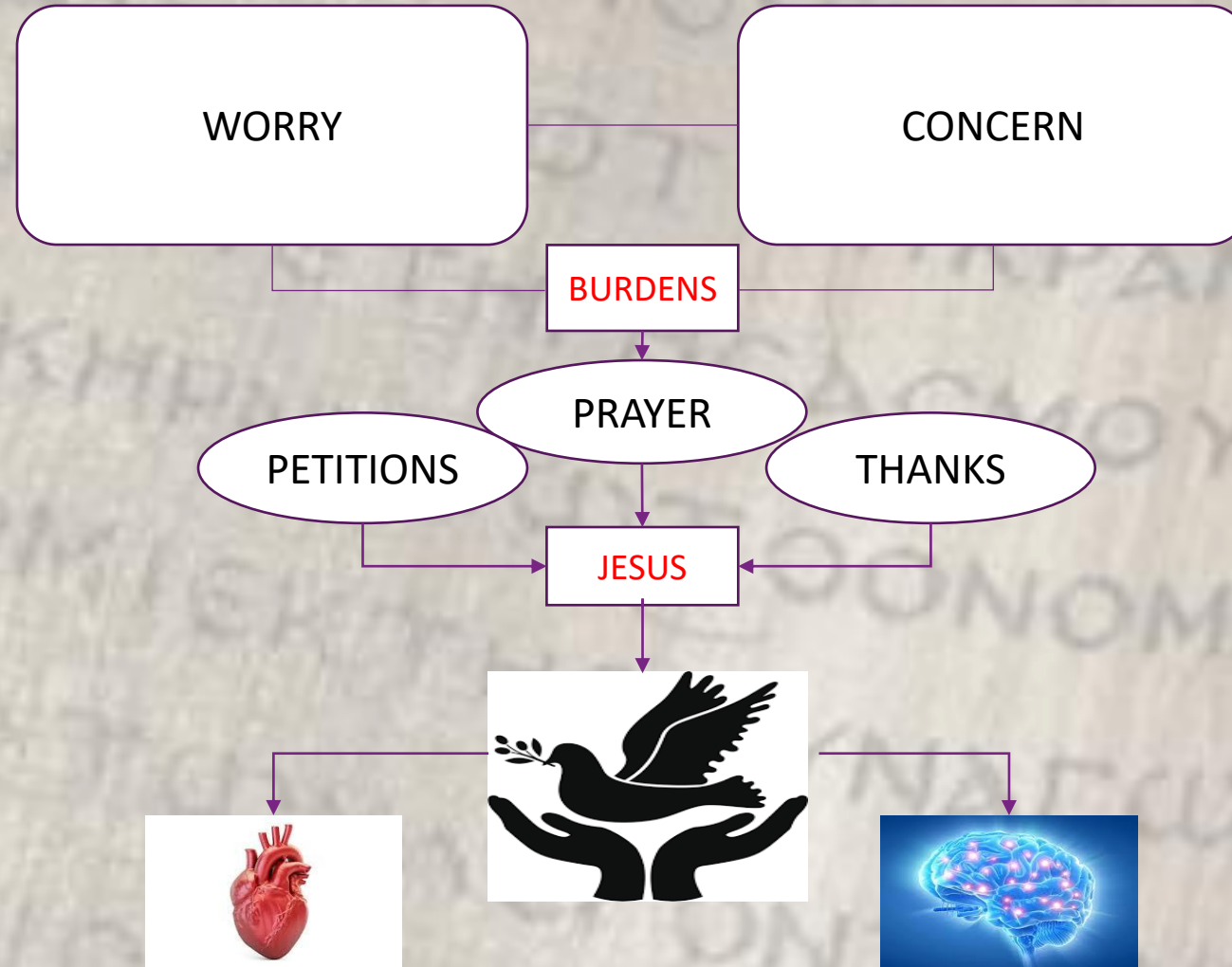
*NO! 'The way to combat the feelings of anxiety is through **Prayer, Supplications & Thanksgiving**'.*

PRAYER

**SUPPLICATIONS /
PETITIONS**

THANKSGIVING

3. **Prayer** activates God's **Peace**





3. The **Peace** of God

'A gift that we receive from God through faith in Christ Jesus'

- **Romans 5:1** – *'Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.'*

'We have access to the type of peace that Jesus had with Father'

- **John 14:27** – *'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'*



3. Surpassing all understanding

The peace of God goes far beyond our own human capacity to try and think our way out of a crisis



4. Food for thought

Philippians 4 v 8-9

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever things are *true*, whatever things are *noble*, whatever things are *just*, whatever things are *pure*, whatever things are *lovely*, whatever things are of *good report*, if there is any *virtue* and if there is anything *praiseworthy*—meditate on these things.

⁹ The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

4. Final Food for thought



JESUS



TRUE
NOBLE
JUST
PURE
LOVELY
GOOD REPORT

VIRTUE

PRAISE
WORTHY



