

# Our All-Knowing God Knows What He is Doing

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## 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT) Always be joyful. 17 Never stop praying. 18 Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.*

- The Christian faith is nothing if it is not practical and practiced

*1 Thessalonians 5:16 Be joyful always;*

- Happiness depends on the **circumstances** of life
- Joy is based on our **LIVING personal relationship** with Jesus.
- The Joy of the Lord is our strength – choose JOY!

*1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray continually;*

*Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

- Worry about **NO** thing and Pray about **EVERY** thing

*1 Thessalonians 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

*Exodus 1:8-12 Eventually, a new king came to power in Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph or what he had done. 9 He said to his people, "Look, the people of Israel now outnumber us and are stronger than we are. 10 We must make a plan to keep them from growing even more. If we don't, and if war breaks out, they will join our enemies and fight against us. Then they will escape from the country. 11 So the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. They appointed brutal slave drivers over them, hoping to wear them down with crushing labor. 12 But the more the Egyptians oppressed them, the more the Israelites multiplied and spread, and the more alarmed the Egyptians became*

*Exodus 1:15-17,22 Then Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, gave this order to the Hebrew midwives, Shiph'rah and Pu'ah: 16 "When you help the Hebrew women as they give birth, watch as they deliver. If the baby is a boy, kill him; (sound familiar) if it is a girl, let her live." 17 But because the midwives feared God, they refused to obey the king's orders. They allowed the boys to live, too. 22 Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Throw every newborn Hebrew boy into the Nile River. But you may let the girls live."*

*Exodus 2:1-9 Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, 2 and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. 3 But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. 4 The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him. 5 Soon Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. 6 When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This must be one of the Hebrew children," she said. (he had been circumcised like all Jewish boys) 7 Then the baby's sister approached the princess. "Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" she asked. 8 "Yes, do!" the princess replied. So the girl went and called the baby's mother. 9 "Take this baby and nurse him for me," the princess told the baby's mother. "I will pay you for your help." So the woman took her baby home and nursed him.*

*Proverbs 22:6 (NLT) Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.*

*Exodus 2:10 Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. The princess named him Moses, for she explained, "I lifted him out of the water."*

*Hebrews 11:24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.*

- By faith, Moses made the **right choice** to identify with God
- Life lived without God results in emptiness and lacks purpose.

*Romans 10:9 (NLT) If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*