Colossians 4:2
[2] Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.
{NLT}

John 16:33
[33] I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.
{NLT}

✝ **Prayer:** Father, thank You for being with us in every season and for holding our future with steady hands. Give Kingswood Church wisdom, unity, patience, and hope as we seek the pastor You are preparing. Guide every decision and prepare both pastor and people for what is ahead. We bring You our families, health, finances, relationships, and every unanswered question. Fill our hearts with confidence in Your goodness. Help us pray with faith, remember Your faithfulness, and rest in Your peace. Guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, and lead us forward with courage and joy. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Message Notes:
How To Have Unshakeable Peace
In The Midst Of Unanswered Questions
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Philippians 4:6–7
[6] Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. [7] Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.
{NLT}

Mainline: You _____ _____ have to _____ what _____ _____ to _____ what to _____ _____.

✝ **The Word…on the Word:**
Life has a way of handing us questions before it gives us answers. We wonder what will happen, how things will work out, and whether we will be okay. Philippians 4:6–7 reminds us that we do not have to wait for every answer before we can have peace. God meets us in the middle of uncertainty. We can talk honestly with Him, remember what He has already done, and trust Him with what we cannot see. For Kingswood Church, and for all of us, the future may be unclear, but nothing ahead is unknown to God, and His peace is available right now.

✝ Think About This:

(1) What are you trying to figure out today that God may be asking you to trust Him with instead? *(Philippians 4:6)*
(2) When your mind starts racing toward everything that could go wrong, what would it look like to turn that moment into a conversation with God? *(Philippians 4:6)*
(3) Where have you been asking for more information when what you may need most is more peace? *(Philippians 4:6–7)*
(4) What has God already brought you through that can remind you He is trustworthy with what you are facing now? *(Philippians 4:6)*
(5) What unanswered situation in your life would look different if you stopped waiting for the answer before allowing yourself to experience God's peace? *(Philippians 4:7)*

✝ Three Real Life Applications:

(1) Redirect the Replay *(Philippians 4:6, NLT)*
What keeps coming back to your mind can keep sending you back to God.
Action Step: Choose the worry you replay most. Every time it returns this week, turn it into one simple prayer.

(2) Review the Record *(Philippians 4:6, NLT)*
When you can't see what God will do next, remember what God has already done.
Action Step: Write down three ways God has been faithful to you or to Kingswood Church. When worry speaks, read them again.

(3) Receive the Peace *(Philippians 4:7, NLT)*
The answer may belong to tomorrow, but God's peace is available today.

Action Step: Before you sleep tonight, place one unresolved situation before God and pray: **"Father, I do not know what happens next, but I trust You with what happens next."**

✝ Bible Passages for Further Study:

Psalm 56:3–4
3 But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in you.
4 I praise God for what he has promised. I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me?
{NLT}

Proverbs 3:5–6
5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.
{NLT}

Psalm 62:5–8
5 Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him. 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken. 7 My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me. 8 O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge.
{NLT}

Matthew 6:31–33
31 "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' 32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. 33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.
{NLT}