SECRETS TO PEACE

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, 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. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:4-9 (NIV)

Peace

An inner calmness and rest that only comes from God.

Freedom from worry, disorder, and confusion.

"[Peace is] inward rest through His presence in the heart . . . the inner-most tranquility caused by contact with Him."

- H.C.G. Moule

Anxiety: hey are you awake?

Me:...

Anxiety: ARE YOU AWAKE?

Me: I am now.

Anxiety: SOMETHING IS REALLY BAD.

Me: Oh no - what is it?

Anxiety: I DONT KNOW.

Me:...

Anxiety: I CAN START LISTING POSSIBILITIES.

Me: No, that's ok

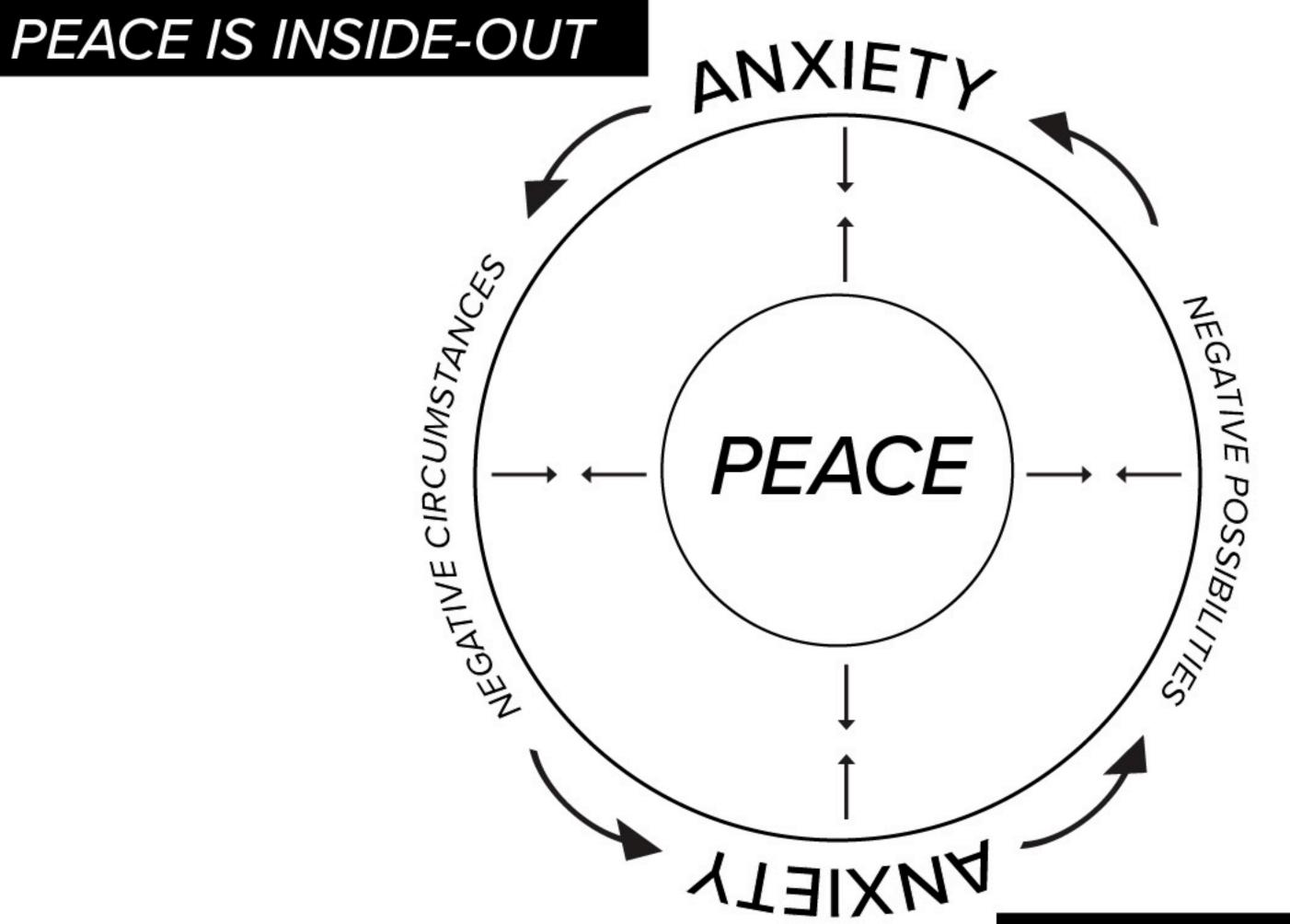
Anxiety: TOO LATE, HERE WE GO!











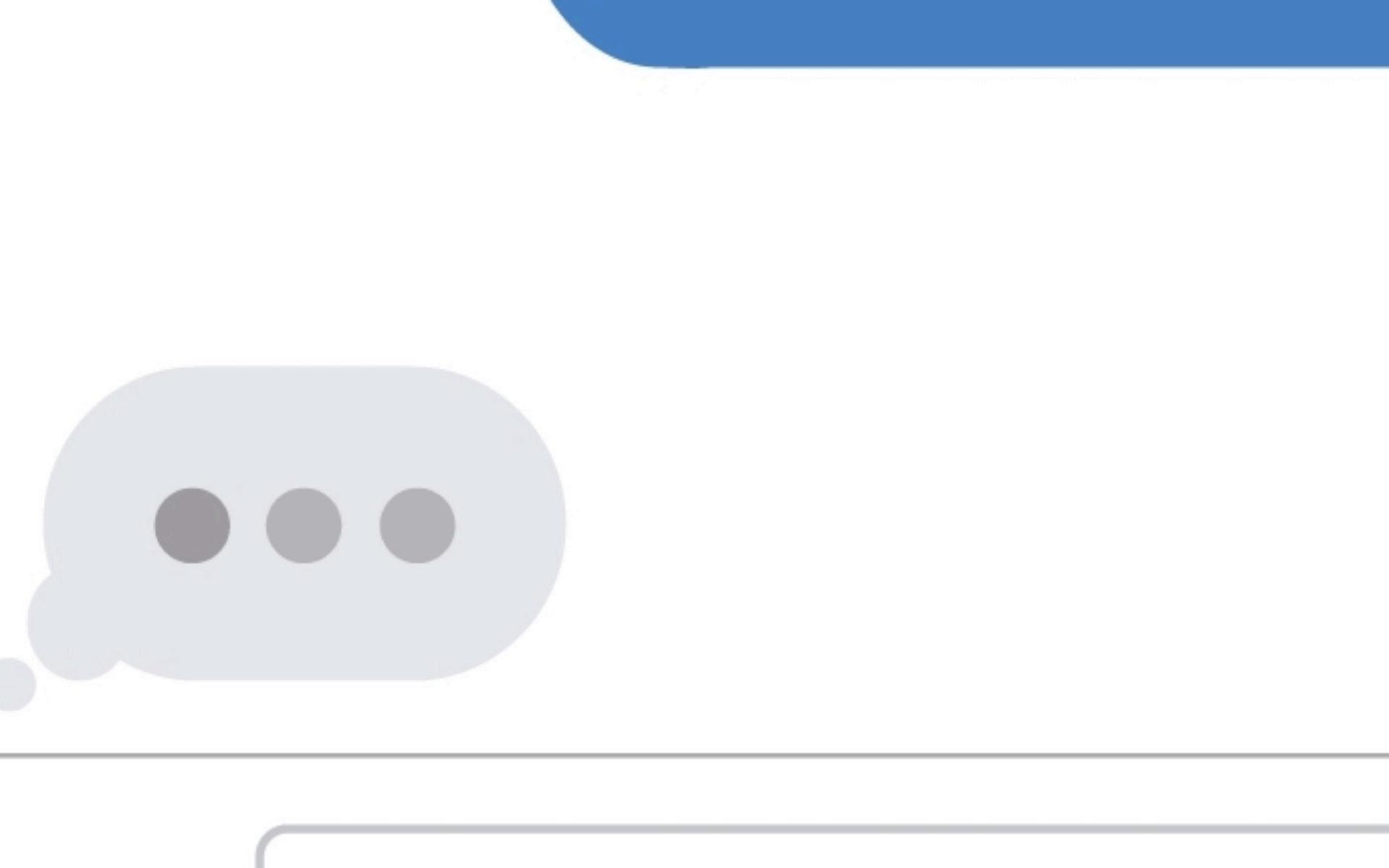
ANXIETY IS OUTSIDE-IN

Celebrate Him

Rejoice in Him

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Philippians 4:4 (NIV)



Rejoice in Him

"One of the great uses of twitter and facebook [and instagram] will be to prove at the last day that prayerlessness was not from lack of time." - John Piper

Rest in Him

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Philippians 4:5 (NIV)

Rest in Him

Those who **blame** can never walk in peace because their focus is on people, circumstances, and negative possibilities.

They minimize His nearness and exalt the supposed impact of others.