

**Philippians Sermon Series #1**  
**Finding Joy In Suffering**  
**Philippians 1:1-11**

1. Pause and reflect on this question: Do I regularly 'rejoice in the Lord?' What are some of the things that I can rejoice in the Lord whatever my circumstances?
2. Paul begins the letter by thanking God, with joy, for the Philippians, because they are his partners in the Gospel (v. 3-5). Do you believe that being in a community of faith is necessary for living the Christian life? Why or why not? Share some about the impact and importance of Christian community in your own life.
3. In the midst of Paul's circumstances, how can you explain his repeated use of the word "joy" in his letter?
4. Reflect on areas in your life where God has begun a good work in you. Share this with your Life Group and pray together, thanking God for His continuing work in each other's life.
5. Identify a verse from the passage that speaks to you. How has it spoken to you or challenged you? You may want to commit the verse that you have identified to memory.

**Philippians Sermon Series #2**  
**In Unity & In Holiness**  
**Philippians 1:12-26**

1. Ps Jeremy said that the Gospel is the proclamation of (a) God's long awaited victory over evil and the salvation of his people and (b) God's inbreaking kingdom and Christ becoming its king. How does that change the way you see the Gospel?
2. In the church, "unity and holiness go together." Do you agree? What are the implications of that?
3. How does Paul's suggestion that we are brothers [and sisters] in Christ (Phil 1:1, 12, 14, 26) mean for our relationship with one another?
4. Ps Jeremy said that because of the Gospel, we have a "different way to behave." Explain what that means for the way you will live.
5. Paul says, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Phil 1:21) How could Paul regard death as better than life in this world? Do you think you can say what Paul says confidently?

**Philippians Sermon Series #3**  
**With In Christ**  
**Philippians 1:27 - 2:11**

1. Paul writes, “Only let your ‘manner of life’ (politeueste) be worthy of the gospel of Christ.” How does the gospel of Christ change the way you behave in your public life?
2. Do you agree that unity is an important expression of the Church’s public life? How does Paul describe it? What would it look like for us today? (Phil 1:27 & Phil 2:2)
3. Why is it essential for followers of Jesus to join together with Christ’s suffering? (Phil 1:29-30, Gal 2:20, Col 2:12 & Matt 10:32-33)
4. Read Phil 2:6-11. Reflect upon some of the major themes in this poem. (e.g. what does the poem say about God, Jesus, humans, humility, servanthood, Roman culture, etc.)
5. Ps Jeremy said that our church must be one in which we serve one another in the partnership (koinonia) of the gospel. What are some ways in which you can serve?

**Philippians Sermon Series #4**  
**Stop Grumbling! Start Shining!**  
**Philippians 2:12-18**

1. What does it mean for you to “work out your salvation?” Is there something you need to ask God’s grace for in working out your salvation?
  
2. “Complainers will always find something to complain about. Worshipers will always find something to praise God for.” (Mark Batterson). Reflect on this question: Am I a complainer or a worshiper?
  
3. Make a list of things you are prone to grumble or complain about (e.g. our jobs, our spouse, our children, our circumstances).
  - (i) Reflect on how your complaining manifests a spirit of entitlement or a failure to trust God.
  
  - (ii) Why do you think “complaining and grumbling” is seen as a dissatisfaction and a distrust in God?
  
  - (iii) How would being thankful mitigate our tendency to complain?
  
  - (iv) How would the Philippians (and us) “shine as lights in the world” by not grumbling and complaining?
  
4. Paul tells us in **2 Corinthians 5:17** that **“if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”** Are there still parts of the “old self” that you are struggling with? What are they? Pause for a time of prayer committing these to God. Ask Him to help you to overcome them.
  
5. What is your biggest takeaway from the sermon? How is it relevant to your life today?

**Philippians Sermon Series #5**  
**For Christ's Sake!**  
**Philippians 3:1-14**

1. What are some things that you have benefited from your family ancestry? (e.g. inheritance, reputation, family name, etc.)
2. Who were those who Paul accuses as “the dogs... the evildoers... those who mutilate the flesh?” (Phil 3:2) What was wrong with them?
3. How does Paul counter the false teaching propagated by those in verse 2? (Phil 3:4-6)
4. What is the contrast between what Paul claims he has lost and what he discovers he has gained? (Phil 3:7-11)
5. What's the connection between Paul's exhortation to “rejoice in the Lord” (Phil 3:1) and the rest of the passage from Philippians 3:2-11?
6. What does Paul aim to forget and what does he determine to press on to? (Phil 3:12-14)
7. [Personal question, share as you are comfortable] If the Lord calls you to be a missionary, a ministry staff or a pastor, what might you find difficult to leave behind from your current life or lifestyle?

**Before next Sunday**

Consider what is God's call and goal for your life. If you sense the Lord leading you towards full time vocational ministry, sign up for the Vocational Conversations.

**Philippians Sermon Series #6**  
**Future Ready**  
**Philippians 3:15-21**

1. What steps can you begin to take to be more future ready?
2. What kind of examples are you looking out for & trusting god to bring into your life to help you overcome your past, press on in the present & be more future ready for Jesus' return?
3. How can someone imitate my life that will help them not become enemies of the cross unwittingly?

**Philippians Sermon Series #7**  
**Walk The Talk**  
**Philippians 4:1-9**

1. What is your natural response when challenges or trials enter your life?
  
2. Paul calls us to *“rejoice in the Lord always”* in verse 4.
  - (i) When you hear the word “rejoice” what do you typically think of?
  
  - (ii) Why do you think rejoicing in the Lord in the midst of difficult circumstances is one of the ways we “live a life worthy of the gospel?”
  
3. In verse 8, Paul reminds us how important our thought life is:

*“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.”*

  - (i) Why do you think Paul places such emphasis on our mind not only in our passage but also in Romans 12?
  
  - (ii) How is your thought life like? What are some of the things that frequently occupy your mind which you need to give up?
  
4. On a scale of 1 (negative) to 10 (positive), how would you rate the degree that pre-believing friends and relatives can tell from your life that you are a Christian?
  
5. Is there any area of your thought or behaviour that you have been convicted of in today’s sermon? If so, write it down, as well as take some steps that you could begin to take this week (talk to God; ask your Life Group members or your Prayer partner to pray for you) to put your desire for obedience into action.

**Philippians Sermon Series #8**  
**Blessed To Bless**  
**Philippians 4:10-23**

1. Share an occasion when you were greatly encouraged by someone's gift to you.
2. Review the whole of Philippians 4 and pick out what Paul says about the "partnership in the gospel" which the Philippians shared with him (See also, Phil 1:5 & 7)
3. In your own words, how would you describe what it means to be content? How does Paul come to be so content? (Phil 4:11-13)
4. In verse 18, how does Paul make use of 3 phrases to recast in sacrificial language, the meaning of the gifts from the Philippians? (See Gen 8:21, Lev 1, Ps 51:17, Ezek 20:41, Rom 12:1)
5. In this passage, how does Paul draw a tension between expressing his appreciation for the gifts sent from the Philippians and emphasising the spiritual principal of dependence on the Lord rather than on human help? (Phil 4:10-20)
6. [Personal question, share as you are comfortable] How does this passage help you to be more grateful to God?

**Before next Sunday**

Memorise Phil 4:13 & 19 and observe how God is allowing you to claim these promises in your life this week.



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