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Philippians



- The overarching **theme** is that we can have **joy** no matter what we face

Philippians 4:4

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

- **Joy** is a **choice**

Philippians 3:1

Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.

- Having the right **mindset** is a **safeguard** for your life
- A key to **walking** in joy is to win the **battle** of your **mind** (Romans 8:6 / Romans 12:2)

Philippians 3:18-19

¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.

- Having your mind set on **earthly** things is a **joy killer**
- You will never have joy when you look to the **world** to find what **only** God can provide

Philippians 3:2-4

² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh.³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

- If anyone could **boast** about their works it is **Paul**

Philippians 3:7-9

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in^[a] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

- All my good deeds are like **garbage** compared to knowing Jesus

- **How** do we go about **winning** the battle for our minds?

Philippians 3:12-14

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

- Focus on God's **redemption** for your **past** (vs. 13)
- Focus on God's **purpose** for **today** (vs. 13-14)
- Focus on God's **plan** for your **tomorrow** (vs. 14) (Philippians 3:20-21)
- To live in joy you must have a **right** way of **thinking**