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Philippians



- This book is actually a **letter** that Paul wrote to the church in **Philippi**
- The overarching **theme** is that we can have **joy** no matter what we face
- Paul was writing this letter from a **Roman prison**

#### Philippians 1:3-6

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

- He is absolutely **convinced** that God is going to **finish** what He **started**
- Paul has a joy that **supersedes** happiness

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (On Screen Only)

- Happiness is an **outward** dynamic; joy is **inward**
- Happiness is based on **circumstances**; joy is based on **Christ**
- Happiness is left to **chance**; joy is by **choice**

#### Philippians 1:9-11

<sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

- He passes along to them the **secret** of living in joy
  - Stop asking "**Why**"?  
John 16:33 (On Screen Only)

#### Philippians 1:12

<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.

- Start asking "**What**"?

Philippians 4:22 (On Screen Only)

#### Philippians 1:13-14

<sup>13</sup> As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

- **Refocus** on what really **matters**

#### Philippians 1:15-18

<sup>15</sup> It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. <sup>16</sup> The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. <sup>18</sup> But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice

- The **important** thing is that **Christ** is preached
- When you have the **right** perspective there is no way you can **lose**

#### Philippians 1:20-26

<sup>20</sup> I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

- The **key** to your joy is in knowing **Jesus Christ**