

BETTER TOGETHER #2

Philippians 1:1-14

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Sunday a.m.

SLIDE 1 – FEEDBACK TIME – Post on FB Live Stream or text 775-322-3004

SLIDE 2 – BETTER TOGETHER #2– SGN

- 2020 – Compelled by Jesus – Deep love for God, His Word & presence

SLIDE 3 – 1st CENTURY PHILIPPI – SEE SIDE NOTES

- Studying the letter to the Philippians – historical context, background info, other factors informing Paul’s writing to the church there
 - Joyful partnership in the Gospel Good News
 - On the Via Egnatia – Rome to Constantinople/Istanbul – 600 miles
 - Philippi one of the main colonies of Rome – enjoyed special privileges
- **Philippians** – a colony of largely ex-Roman soldiers – living in their reward
- Paul writes to the Philippians from Rome/house arrest – awaiting trial w/Caesar
- Key word/phrase that will resurface several times in Philippians – JOY

GO TO THE MAP OF PAUL’S JOURNEYS

- **Acts 16** – birth of the Philippian church – **Phil. 1:4** – from the 1st day til now
- Paul, Timothy, & Silas → Derbe & Lystra → through Phrygia & Galatia
 - Forbidden by HS to speak Gospel in Asia
- To Mysia, want to head north to Bithynia – Spirit of Jesus didn’t allow them
- Mysia to Troas – Macedonian vision → Sailed Troas to Samothrace to Neapolis
 - Neapolis to Philippi – leading city of Macedonia, major Roman colony
- No synagogue – Paul finds God-fearers (women) at the river – place of prayer
 - Lydia – dealer in purple cloth – comes to faith; hospitality – stay w/us
 - P&S – going to place of prayer, confronted by fortune-telling slave girl
 - Tell the future – owners making \$
 - She follows them around for days, “these men are servants of the Most High God & they are telling you the way to be saved”
 - Finally, Paul has had it – in the Name of Jesus Christ, come out
 - Complete deliverance → slave owners ticked, no more \$
- Paul & Silas accused, beaten, & thrown into jail w/no process
 - Most secure inner cell, feet in stocks
 - Singing at midnight, everyone watching – quake, all cells opened
 - Jailer assumes all escaped, preps to kill self –
 - Paul stops him – “We are all here!”
 - Jailer falls to his knees – what must I do to be saved?
 - Believe in the Lord Jesus & you WILL, you & your household

- Judges to release them – Paul won't go, reveals Roman citizenship – Oh no.
 - Judges come to appease them, apologize, ask them to leave Philippi
- Party at Lydia's house – Paul, Silas, & Timothy – hanging w/the brothers
 - Then they left – Apollonia, Thessalonica, Berea

SLIDES 4-8 – PHILLIPIANS 1:1-14

- Grace & peace to all – the holy people, the overseers, the deacons

SLIDE 9 – PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL GOOD NEWS

- Shared time, space, & experience – strong relationships in a short time
- The Good Dr. Luke & Lydia → acc. To tradition – got married
- I always pray w/JOY because of your partnership in the GGN – *Missio Dei*
 - We're in this together – God's call on all believers – GGN
 - Not seeing people as pieces of work based upon failures – in process
- Vv,7,8 – For better or worse; partners in grace, in prison or preaching gospel

SLIDE 10 – GOD WILL FINISH WHAT HE STARTED

- Paul's confidence in the process of HS – sanctification, being made new
- Not rooted in our abilities – it's the HS in us – **Romans 8:11** – same Spirit
 - **1Cor 15/1Thess.** – *we will all be changed on the Day of the Lord*

E.G. – ever looked at an old picture & were blown away by how much changed?

- Perspective is hard in the moment – thinking long-term process – God will do it

SLIDE 11 – OVERFLOWING LOVE

- Prayer – what does Paul want for his Philippian partners? Abounding love
 - Abound – more than enough; overflowing

E.G. Ever worried that there wouldn't be enough to go around?

SLIDE 12 – MORE KNOWLEDGE & INSIGHT

- Key elements in love – love motivated toward wise actions bring glory to God
 - Leads toward pure & blameless lives – reflect on US & on God
 - Filled w/the fruit (results) of righteousness through Christ
 - To the glory & praise of God – **THINK Matthew 5:14-16**

SLIDE 13 – NO FEAR(?)

- Paul's assurances – imprisonment → advancement of the gospel
 - The prison letters – we have a Bible partially because Paul was in prison
 - Perspective: Praying for deliverance (Get me out) vs. (lead me through)

SLIDE 14 – GOD IS WITH US

- What could be interpreted as abandonment by God → blessing & purpose

- Paul's story/testimony in the middle of his storm speaks to God's presence
 - People see & hear his story – emboldened w/confidence
 - The power of the Gospel Good News to change lives – NO FEAR

SLIDE 15 – BETTER TOGETHER

- people rallied around Jesus & the Gospel Good News
- Partnering w/Paul – continuing the work of the Missio Dei
- We need each other; encourage & strengthen each other
 - In the quarantine – no interactions
 - Small Groups/Lighthouses & Hangs

SLIDE 16 – 2020: COMPELLED BY JESUS

- Theme for 2020 – Compelled, directed (strongly)

SLIDE 17 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?

SLIDE 18 – PRAYER IS AVAILABLE – ANNOUNCE THIS

- Hillside APP – prayer requests – text to church phone or WEB@Hillside4.org
- Make sure “Notifications” are on for both “General” & “Prayer” notifications