

BETTER TOGETHER #9

Philippians 4:10-21

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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 #9- SGN - 2020 – Compelled by Jesus

SLIDE 3 – 1st CENTURY PHILIPPI

SLIDE 4 – REJOICE; DON'T BE ANXIOUS: PRAY; THINK ON THE GOOD; IMITATE

- In closing – final words to the Philippians; here's what's important
- **Philippian 4:1-9** – *rejoice in the Lord; don't be anxious about anything, in everything pray & request, w/thanksgiving & you'll get God's super-peace*
 - Think: true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, praiseworthy
 - Imitate the good you've seen from me (**1Cor. 11:1**)

SLIDES 5-7 – PHILIPPIANS 4:10-13

SLIDE 8 – RENEWED CONCERN

- Philippi at one time had been Paul's ONLY benefactor/helper
- Paul's great thankfulness at the Philippian church's renewed concern for him
 - Not in great need + Paul's LEARNED to be CONTENT all the time
 - Whatever the circumstances – good/bad; well fed/hungry; plenty/want

SLIDE 9 – **THE SECRET(?) OF BEING CONTENT**

- Paul's journey – lots of ups & downs – in need/with plenty etc. (see above)
- He has *learned the secret of being content* in any situation
 - *To learn the secret* – what did Paul have to do? Experience? Process?
 - Secret/mystery – undiscovered information (not just for the few) –
 - One of the insights of God – learned through perseverance & obedience
- To be content: *to be sufficient in oneself, w/o needs*
 - *Independent of circumstances, Contentedness w/life, state of mind/being*

SLIDE 10 – I CAN DO **ALL** THIS THROUGH CHRIST

- In ANY/EVERY situation – well fed/hungry, in plenty/in want – I've learned:
 - I can do ALL this – through Him who gives me the strength
 - Not willpower/zen thing – dependence & reliance on God-given strength
 - Developed in the *process* of trust & faith-muscle memory
- I can do all things vs. I can do all this → context indicates content

SIDE NOTE – LIMITS & LIMITATIONS: WHAT TO DO WITH THESE?

- Embracing God-given limits – every choice is a limitation to something else
 - Every YES is a NO to something else – limits are a gift from God

SLIDES 11-14 – PHILIPPIANS 4:14-20

SLIDE 15 – SOWING & REAPING

- Renewed concern for Paul – investing (sowing) in Paul’s ministry
- Indicates maturity – more than concern for self/own needs
- Sowing & reaping – can’t reap a harvest w/o sowing 1st
 - Philippian history – long-term, many time sowing to KOG in Paul
 - Sole point of giving/receiving for Paul for a time
- Not just about Paul’s *needs* – he desires that their good works would be *credited to their account* – **Matthew 6 – TREASURES IN HEAVEN**

SLIDE 16 – OUR GOD: OUR PROVISION

- Paul knows the source of his provision – God, Who provides for & meets needs
 - Credited as righteousness to Philippians – sowing/reaping
 - Sacrificial offerings – received by & accepted by the Lord
 - **Phil 2:25** – Paul sent Epaphroditus to Philippi
 - **Phil 4:18** – Philippians send him back to Paul, with provisions/gifts

SLIDE 17 – GOD MATH: HIS RICHES IN GLORY

- 2nd part of recognizing God as the source of his provision
 - For the Philippians – God’s promise to provide for His people
 - ...MY God shall supply all your needs *according to His riches in glory* – *IN CHRIST JESUS*
- **COMMANDMENT** – tithes/offerings; care for those in need
- **PROMISE** – God will provide for us acc. To His riches in glory
 - *Need* – necessities, needs, any area of lack or want
 - *Riches* – riches wealth, abundance, overflow, goodness
 - *Glory* – Majesty, most exalted condition, splendor, brilliance

SLIDES 18,19 – PHILIPPIANS 4:21-23

SLIDE 20 – GREET ALL GOD’S PEOPLE

- The significance of every believer – pervasiveness of the gospel
- Don’t forget Euodia & Syntyche – ALL the saints
 - ALLO God’s people here greet you – esp. Caesar’s household -

SLIDE 21 – GRACE BE WITH YOU

- Grace of Lord Jesus Christ be with you – your spirit
 - **GRACE** – Favor, good will, kindness, God’s powerful divine grace –
 - Your Spirit: Deep within your being, at the core of who you are, in Christ

SLIDE 22 – WE ARE SO MUCH BETTER TOGETHER

- **John 17** – known by our love for one another

- Being a people rallied around Jesus & the Gospel Good News
- Partnering w/the on-going work of the Missio Dei
- We need each other; encourage & strengthen each other
- Our examples for each other – encourage one another

SLIDE 23– 2020: COMPELLED BY JESUS

- Theme for 2020 – Compelled, directed (strongly)

SLIDE 24 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?

SLIDE 25 – 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