

# BETTER TOGETHER #8

## Philippians 4:1-9

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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 #8- SGN

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

SLIDE 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> CENTURY PHILIPPI

- **Philippi** – a colony of largely ex-Roman soldiers – **Via Egnatia** –
- Paul writes to the Philippians from Rome/house arrest – REJOICE is the theme

SLIDE 4 – REVISIT 3:17-21 – LIVE AS CITIZENS OF HEAVEN –

- *Since our citizenship is in Heaven, LIVE in such a way that reflects this fact*
- *Keep your eyes on & follow good God examples - & live like that yourself*
- *We're waiting on our Savior, Lord Jesus Christ – to transform us to be like Him*

SLIDES 5,6 – PHILIPPIANS 4:1-3

SLIDE 7 – STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

- Because of 3:17-21 – **STAND FIRM** in the Lord (vs. in Louie) – long term living
  - IN THE LORD – the basis for our abilities – call to be MORE than we are
- Requires a determination of how we will be & live w/o regard for circumstances
  - This is how we roll – *constant & persevering ethic* vs. **situational & fluid**

SLIDE 8 – BE UNITED IN THE LORD – BE OF THE SAME MIND

- Dealing w//a conflict @ Philippi w/a Flashback to **Philippians 2:1-4**
  - IN THE LORD – the basis for our abilities – call to be MORE than we are

SLIDES 9,10 – PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4

- *Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness & compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit & of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

SLIDE 11 – BE UNITED IN THE LORD

- 2 of Paul's **partners/co-workers in the faith** at significant odds w/each other
  - "I plead w/You-Ah-DEE-uh & Soon-TOOK-ay"
  - "...be of the SAME MIND in the Lord"

- No idea what the conflict is – Paul’s challenge is Christian unity & peace
  - Based upon the foundation of Jesus Christ – lay aside “right to be right”
- “...& I ask you **Syzygos (pastor/elder?)** – companion/partner – HELP THEM
  - Keep your perspective on WHO these people are:
    - LONGTERM Co-workers, GGN partners, names in the Book of Life

## SLIDES 12,13 – PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

### SLIDE 14 – REJOICE IN THE LORD (REF. 3:1)

- Once again, Finally, REJOICE (be glad, rejoice exceedingly, thrive) *in the Lord*
- FIND your joy in relationship to the Lord
- Joy ≠ good circumstances – Comes from ID in Christ, His character, provision
  - **REJOICE– 3:1** – Find joy IN the Lord – provision/sustenance for us
  - Find joy/celebrate in WHO God is – His character, faithfulness, wisdom, provision, compassion, grace, peace, + other attributes
  - Find joy in the Lord – our source; the One in Whom we are rooted
- JOY is a SAFEGUARD (certainty, safe/sure spot, protection, something reliable)
  - There are many ways that *rejoicing in the Lord* works in, through, & around us, often in ways we have no understanding or insight
  - Regulates/stands against fear, bad circumstances, attitudes, etc...
- Let your gentleness be known to ALL; the Lord is near
  - **Isaiah 42:1-3/Matt 12:18-21** – Bruised reeds & smoldering wicks
  - Gentle, gracious, compassionate – characteristics of the Christ

### SLIDE 15 – DON’T BE ANXIOUS

- Don’t be anxious about ANYTHING, but in EVERYTHING w/these tools
  - BLB – *to be anxious/troubled with cares* – WORRY
    - **Matthew 6:25-34** – *preoccupied w/worry* –
- WHEN I experience troubles, worry, anxiousness, anxiety – what will I do?
  - Engage the logic center of the brain – choice to pray/submit requests to God, w/the giving of thanks

### SLIDE 16 – PRAYER, PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING

- Prayer – dedicated time set apart to God – conversation, seeking Him
- Petition – supplications, requests, WHAT I NEED/WANT in this situation
- w/Thanksgiving – thankfulness, giving thanks, gratitude, gratefulness
  - God is the One who hears, understands, answers us in our time of need
- More than meeting our needs, He also provides the protection of His peace

### SLIDE 17 – GOD’S PEACE: GUARDS HEARTS & MINDS

- In submitting our needs to God, w/thanksgiving – He responds w/what we need

- God's Peace (rest, tranquility, quietness) beyond understanding/circumstance
  - **Jn 14:27** – Peace that remains – not like the world gives
  - Guards & promises to protect our hearts/being & minds/thoughts
    - Through Christ Jesus – His power, His peace, His provision

#### **SLIDES 18,19 – PHILIPPIANS 4:8,9**

#### **SLIDE 20 – THINK (DWELL, MEDITATE) ON SUCH THINGS**

- Get off the hamster wheel of worry & anxiety – pondering potential problems
- **INSTEAD**, the great exchange – do **THIS** – think on, dwell on, meditate on
  - The true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, praiseworthy

#### **SLIDE 21 – DO WHAT I DO, IN CHRIST**

- Whatever you've learned, received, heard from me, seen in me – **DO THIS**
  - Follow the leader; imitating & doing what we've seen done – good way
  - **1Cor 11:1 – et al**; discipleship/disciple-making – live to be imitated
- And the God of **PEACE** will be **WITH YOU** – Immanu'El
  - Jesus will **ALWAYS** do His part & be as close as the air we breathe
  - Give peace, comfort, joy, compassion, kindness, faith, courage, boldness

#### **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](mailto:WEB@Hillside4.org)
- Make sure "Notifications" are on for both "General" & "Prayer" notifications