



A Singular Joy

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“Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time. Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there. So instead, they went on through Mysia to the seaport of Troas.

That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us!’ So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.

We boarded a boat at Troas and sailed straight across to the island of Samothrace, and the next day we landed at Neapolis. From there we reached Philippi, a major city of that district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. And we stayed there several days.”

– Acts 16:6-12

Key Verse:

“Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.” – Philippians 3:1

PAUL’S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIAN CHURCH REMINDS ME OF THE JOY IN...

1) SHARING IN THE _____.

“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.” – Philippians 1:3-6

“So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News. God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 1:7-8

“May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation – the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ – for this will bring much glory and praise to God.” – Philippians 1:11

2) SHARING IN THE _____.

“And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God’s message without fear.” – Philippians 1:12-14

“...Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice.” – Philippians 1:18

*“For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die. For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don’t know which is better.”
– Philippians 1:20-22*

3) SHARING IN THE _____.

“Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News.” – Philippians 1:27

“We are in this struggle together. You have seen my struggle in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of it.” – Philippians 1:30

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- ☐ Memorize Philippians 3:1.
- ☐ Intentionally seek to grow in fellowship with other believers.
- ☐ Pray for the Lord to open doors for me to share the Gospel with someone in the coming days.
- ☐ Learn more about letting God use me for His extraordinary plans, specifically in the following ministry areas:
 - ___ 1st Impressions ___ Audio/Video Team ___ Property/Space
 - ___ Kitchen Committee ___ GC Students ___ GC Kids

* Join us next Sunday, August 9, at 11:00am, as we continue our “*Embracing Joy*” teaching series with “*A Submissive Joy*.” Pray about a friend or family member who you might invite to attend with you!



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