

**Sermon Title:** Want Stability?

**Sermon Series:** Philippians – Unbreakable Joy

**Scripture:** Philippians 4:1-5

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How do we fight the \_\_\_\_\_ in life?

**Philippians 4:1 ESV**

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1. Answer small problems with \_\_\_\_\_

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– You can stand firm in Jesus

**Philippians 1:27 ESV**

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are **\*\*standing firm\*\*** in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

2. Use \_\_\_\_\_ Truths to Deal with \_\_\_\_\_

**Philippians 4:2-3 ESV**

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**Philippians 2:2 ESV**

2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

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**Remember who you are —**

You are Christ's

**Remember where you are from —**

Citizen of heaven

**Remember how you'll get there —**

Jesus power

**Jonah 1:6 ESV**

6 So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish."

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### Matthew 7:3-5 ESV

3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

3. Giant Truths allow you to \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_

### Philippians 4:4-5 ESV

4 **Rejoice** in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;

### Luke 10:20 ESV

20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but **rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**"

### Philippians 4:3b-4 ESV

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**Philippians 4:5 ESV**

5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;

Reasonableness doesn't allow you to get too \_\_\_\_\_ or too \_\_\_\_\_

How do we fight the instability in life?

Fight \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ Truths

Will Christianity offer me that kind of stability?

Fight \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ Truths

## **Discussion Questions – November 19, 2023**

### **Getting to know you Questions:**

1. When you think of something that is unstable, what comes to mind?
2. Have you ever tried fixing a problem with “self-help” techniques?

### **Into the Bible Questions:**

Read Philippians 4:1-5

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3. What was something from the passage or sermon that surprised you, helped you, confused you, or bothered you?
4. What does this passage tell us about God? People? Living to please God?
5. What are some of the “Giant Truths” about God and the Gospel? Any Giant truths from Chapter 3?
6. Paul starts to deal with problems by addressing them with Giant Truths “Stand firm in the Lord.” Why do you think he does this?

**7. How do we remain steadfast, or become steadfast in the Lord (or these giant truths of the Lord)?**

**8. In conflict, why do we “stand firm” instead of “stand firm in the Lord?”**

**9. How does arguing or fighting with a brother or sister in the Lord disconnect us From A. Each other?  
B. Having the mind of Christ?**

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10. How should the fact that our names are written in the Book of Life lend perspective on petty matters, and cause us to rejoice in the Lord?

**11. How does one get their name written in the Book of Life?**

**12. How should Christ’s presence and imminent return affect how we treat others?**

### **For Extra Study**

Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-28

23 Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. 24 Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; 26 on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; 27 in toil and hardship, through

many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. 28 And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.

13. Paul had been through many trials, and yet he continued to persevere with joy. What trials have you been through?

14. How has God brought you through those trials?

15. What has been key to you continuing to persevere with joy in your faith?

16. What do you find challenging about trusting God?

What needs to change in your life so that you can live this out?

17. Jot down any insights, questions, or key observations.

### **Application Questions**

**1. What are some problems that you face? What Giant truths could you apply to these problems?**