

LEARNING JOY IN

Philippians

EVERY SEASON

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30 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, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.



I. SIDE BY SIDE

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JOHN 13:34-35 ESV

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



"Here Jesus is stating something else which is much more cutting, much more profound: We cannot expect the world

to believe that the Father sent the Son, that Jesus' claims are true, and that Christianity is true, unless the world sees some reality of the oneness of true Christians."

FRANCIS SCHAEFFER



2. NOT FRIGHTENED BY ANYTHING

PHILIPPIANS 1:28

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"Daily, I expect to be murdered or betrayed or reduced to slavery if the occasion arises, but I fear nothing, because of the promises of heaven."

PATRIC OF IRELAND

"The one thing we owe absolutely to God, is never to be afraid of anything."

CHARLES DE FOUCAULD

3. FULLY ENGAGED

PHILIPPIANS 1:29-30

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