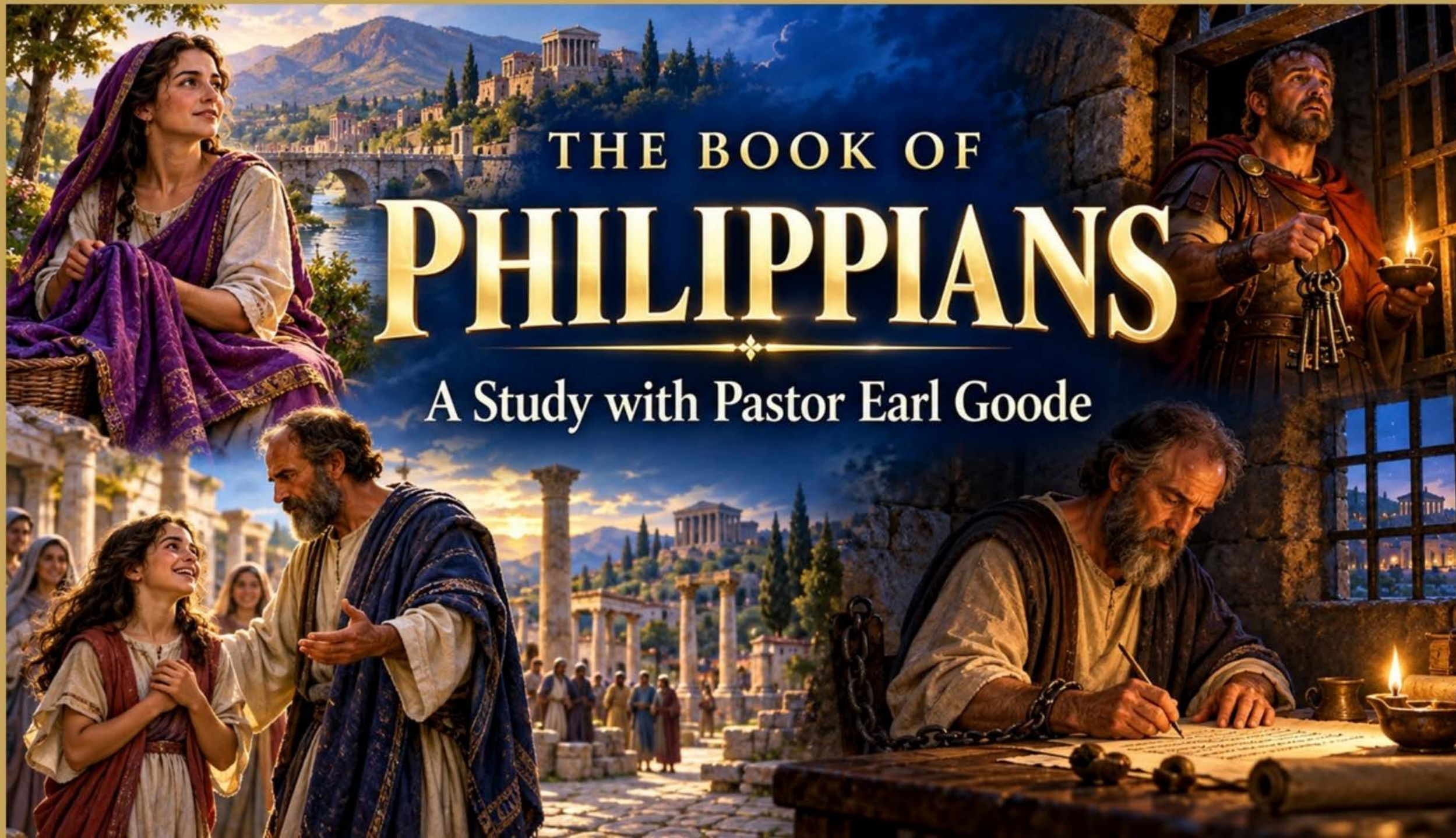

THE BOOK OF
PHILIPPIANS
A Study with Pastor Earl Goode

Joy That Cannot Be Chained

Philippians 1:12–18

12 But I want you to know, brethren, that the things *which happened* to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel,

13 so that it has become evident
to the whole palace guard, and
to all the rest, that my chains are
in Christ;

14 and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ
even from envy and strife, and
some also from goodwill:

16 The former preach Christ from
selfish ambition, not sincerely,
supposing to add affliction to my
chains;

17 but the latter out of love,
knowing that I am appointed for
the defense of the gospel.

18 What then? Only *that* in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice

1. Rejoice Because God Can Use Your Circumstances

Philippians 1:12

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But I would ye should understand, brethren, **that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel**;

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A difficult road does not mean you have taken a wrong turn.

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Pray; Lord how can I serve you in this?

3) Our Circumstances Must Not Eliminate Our Testimony

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Remain available to God when you suffer.

What has interrupted your plans may become an opportunity to fulfill God’s purpose.

So, You

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2. Rejoice Because Your Faithfulness Can Encourage Someone Else

Philippians 1:13–14

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So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places; And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

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People watch how we behave when life becomes hard.

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Paul's faithfulness strengthened other believers to speak for Christ.

3) Your Response Reaches Beyond Your Own Life

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Your faithfulness today may help someone else stand tomorrow.

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2) Rejoice Because Believers Were Becoming Bold In Their Witness

3. Rejoice Because Opposition Cannot Stop the Truth

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They loved Paul and wanted Christ to be known to the world.

2) Some People Served With Selfish Hearts

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They preached Christ while seeking to advance themselves.

Look At Your Own Heart

Would I still serve if nobody mentioned my name?

3) Paul Kept His Attention on the Gospel

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1. Rejoice Because God
Can Use Your Circumstances

2. Rejoice Because God
Can Use Your Faithfulness to Inspire Others

3. Rejoice Because Opposition
Cannot Stop the Truth

4. Rejoice Because Christ Is Greater Than Personal Recognition

Philippians 1:18

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What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretense, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do **rejoice**, yea, and will **rejoice**.

1) Paul Found Joy In Christ's Name More Than His Own

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He rejoiced when the gospel advanced, even through people who disliked him.



John Wesley

George Whitefield

2) Paul Found Joy in a Continuation of Christ Work

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His chains remained, yet people were hearing about Jesus.

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3) How can I make Christ known?

Trust Christ

Jesus died for our sins and rose again.
Turn to Him in repentance and faith.

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Philippians 1:18

“I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.”