

## Philippians 1:15-30

### Be Bold, Stand Firm, We Have Work To Do!

#### Rootwork

1. **(Everyday)** Before you begin your study time - spend time in prayer! Go through your “yesterday” and ask the Lord to reveal your heart! Prepare your heart and surrender your will to the Spirit of God! Allow Him to have full access by not withholding anything He wants to do in and then do through you!! Make a conscious effort to bow your will and your obedience to the Lord before you even dive in! This prepares your heart to hear and to heed everything He speaks to you!
2. **(Everyday)** Then spend time in adoration and worship after you have cleansed your heart and before you dive into the scriptures!! Proclaiming who God is and adoring Him lifts our eyes up and keeps our focus on what really matters...putting God in His rightful place and putting us in ours! Remember, the enemy is going to try to keep you from being in the Word, he hates when we worship our God- Worship breaks his bondages over believers, so submit to God, resist him and he will flee!!
3. If you were at the “Digging Deeper Workshop” and you would like to structure these scriptures, Copy and paste Philippians 1 into a word/ pages document or write it out verse by verse (if you have not done already), following the structuring handouts you received! If you were not there and want to watch it, search “Digging Deeper” on our website or app and watch it for tools to help you in your study time!

4. **(Everyday)** After you finish your Rootwork every day, be sure to spend time in prayer (ACTS) going through what you have learned and received from the Word of God! This is also in your “Digging Deeper” handout!
5. Take some time reviewing your notes from the whole first chapter of Philippians and record some of the most impactful and life altering truths you have received thus far!
6. Read Philippians 1:1-30 to get the full context. Mark any repeated words, any words that pop out at you and any words that you (because of our study time) have deeper insight on!
7. Read Philippians 1:14- 30. Then look up any words you want further insight on in your Blue Letter Bible app. (If you need help with this please let me know)
8. Look specifically at verse 14, what happens when persecution rises? In what ways are we seeing this right now in our country?
9. Look at verse 15, what is happening to those who are rising up during Paul’s imprisonment?
10. Look up “envy”, “strife” and “good will” if you have not already...what do they mean and do you see any of these characteristics in your own heart? If so, what do you need to do about it?
11. Read verse 16, look up “love”, “appointed” and “defense”. Then write out the purpose of those who do it out of love! What is their perspective and motive? What about you? Would you be willing to pick up that baton and keep running? Why or why not?

12. Now look at verse 17, look up “selfish ambition” and “distress”. What are they doing? Do you see what jealousy does? Jealousy is not something to be taken lightly! Jealousy can make you say and do things that you would not normally say and do! Jealousy is a fire that if not put out, will consume and destroy not only you but others around you!! If not dealt with in #10, please take time to rid any jealousy out of your heart so that the enemy does not have a foothold in your life!!!
13. Read verse 18, what is Paul saying here? What is his concern?
14. Paul is talking about the motive here, not the message!! If you preach the true gospel, I don’t care what your motives are. If your motives are bad, God will deal with you – but at least the gospel is preached. Christ is being talked about! But if you preach a false gospel, I don’t care how good your motives are. You are dangerous and must stop preaching your false gospel, and good motives don’t excuse your false message. Write out your thoughts on this! Have you seen this taken out of context to validate false teachers, and justify their messages?
15. We discussed that there are some fights that we need to let go of and let God deal with, and there are some fights we are called to armor up and battle out! Take a minute and list battles that require us to stand up and stand strong, and battles that we just need to let go and trust God! How do you know the difference?
16. Read verse 19, what does Paul say here? Where does he get his confidence?

17. Pau knew that no matter what, God was going to be glorified in his life, he would make sure of that!! He was determined to trust Him! Do you truly know that no matter what happens, it is GOOD because GOD is good and it will work out for His glory?? Do you truly trust Him?
18. Read verse 20, look up “earnest expectation”, “hope”, and “boldness” and record what you find! How do these words complement and produce a life where Christ is exalted? (Look up exalted too, if you did not already) spend some time here, does this look like your life? Your heart?
19. Read Acts 4:1-13 and mark every reference to boldness or confidence mentioned! Where did Peter get his boldness? What was his message? What was his mission?
20. Now look at Acts 4:29-31, what is going on in these verses? What did they ask the Lord for and what were they given?
21. This is a reminder to us that we need to ask, we need to ask again! We so desperately need to depend on the Spirit of God that we need Him for every thought, every conversation and every situation!! Submit yourself to the Spirit of God now and ask Him to fill you again and again!!
22. Read Acts 28:29-31, this is the end of the book of Acts! The work of the Holy Spirit, what happens here! What is the fruit?
23. Paul had boldness, openness and freedom in speaking with confidence and courage regardless of the risks!! What about you? How is your boldness for the gospel? How is your boldness for living a life that set apart and consecrated unto God? Not allowing sin to abound in or outside of you? Really be honest here, take these questions before the Lord and

allow Him to reveal, and tear down any walls of self protection, and excuses that keep you from being willing to be used by God!!

24. Read the following verses in context to see the fullness of the message and record what you find about boldness!

- Proverbs 28:1
- 2 Cor 3:12
- Ephesians 6:19
- Acts 19:8
- 1 Thess 2:4-6

25. Read the following statements about boldness and make note of the ones that hit you the most personally! Record why and what you need to lay down or give over to the Lord in surrender so that you may be free!! There is so much freedom in living in Christ, anointed by the Spirit of God and being bold for His mission!!! Don't let anything hinder you!!!

- Boldness is not a personality trait
- Boldness can't be taught or trained
- Boldness comes from knowing Jesus and His righteousness
- Boldness comes from the anointing and the filling of the Holy Spirit
- Boldness comes from having hope for eternity
- Boldness comes from the source- not the vessel!
- Boldness magnifies our audience of ONE - People pleasing and boldness can never co-exist
- Boldness blinds you from your audience of people, and strips away the fear of man
- Boldness allows you to speak unapologetically

26. Read verse 21, record what comes to your mind when you read this verse!  
We know it so well and have heard it so many times ...but what is the first thing you think of?
27. What does it mean to “live is Christ”? (You can review the video where we talked about this) How do you live this out practically?
28. Does this look like your life?
29. What did Paul think about death?
30. Write your thoughts on the following quote: “ When the time comes for you to die, make sure that all you have to do is die” Jim Elliot
31. How does this perspective challenge you?
32. As I asked many times during the study, this is a vital question that you need to sit on and really go there..because one day you will be there and you have to ask yourself , “Am I you truly ready to die?”
33. In order to live with that perspective, this one thing is necessary on a moment by moment basis...the death to self! Take some time and look up every reference in scripture on the topic of dying to self, denying self and crucifying the flesh!! How many of them are a suggestion? Or a good option? Really look at it! How necessary is it for “self” to be dethroned and dead? Are you dying daily?

34. Write your thoughts on this quote by Spurgeon ““He who learns to die daily while he lives will find it no difficulty to breathe out his soul for the last time.” Spurgeon
35. When you die daily spiritually and are truly ready to die physically, then you are finally ready to live!! To live is Christ requires boldness, death to self, and eternal eyes!! Is this a reality in your life? If not, what has been the reality and what needs to change?
36. Read verse 22, notice Paul’s resolve! If he lives he will bear fruit!! What is his battle here?
37. Read verse 23 and 24. Look up “hard-pressed” and record your thoughts!! Compare this with 2 Cor. 4:7-12 (or the whole chapter if you have time 😊) What a war within him, oh how I pray that is the only war within us!! If I have breath I will bear fruit and if I die, I will be with my Savior! How freeing it is to live in this light! How is your perspective? Where is your vision?
38. Read verse 25, look up the word “convinced” what further insight do you see from this word?
39. This is Paul’s mission! This is why he has breath in his lungs! What is your mission? Write it out! Write out who you influence and what impact you can have on them for the gospel!
40. Read verse 26, Paul had one goal- one mission and he was devoted to it! The more devoted you are to the will of God the less distracted you are, and the less room there is for people and your flesh to influence you!! This takes that DEVOTED MIND! Sit on the next few questions and be

honest with yourself and with the Lord! Freedom is just on the the other side!

41. Are there any distractions in your life right now? If so, what are they? What do you need to do with them?
42. Are there people in your life that influence you in the wrong direction? If so, what do you need to do with them?
43. Is your flesh running havoc in your life? If so, what do you need to do with it?
44. Read verse 27, look up the word, “conduct” and record what you learn! It is the same word used in Acts 23:1. Record it what you see!
45. Walk in a manner worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ! What does this mean? How do you do this practically?
46. Look up the following verses and record what you see about walking worthy:
  - Ephesians 4:1
  - Colossians 1:10
  - 1 Thess. 2:11-12
47. Look at the word, “whether”...this has a profound truth in one tiny word! This is whatever happens, no matter what! Paul lived with an open hand, he knew that whatever God allowed, that is was good and He was going to get the glory!! What freedom!!! Is this your perspective? Is your hand open?

48. Look up the word, “standing firm” what do you find that gives you greater insight?
49. What is Paul sure he will hear of the church of Philippi? Standing firm in what?
50. What does it mean to have one Spirit? One mind? And striving together? How do you cultivate and nurture that?
51. This is a beautiful picture of the church!! This is what we are to have, what we are to do!! We have work to do and we have a race to run...together!! Are you in that race? Are you running as to win an imperishable crown of glory? Are your eyes set, your face like flint, and your heart determined to bring the gospel? To live the gospel? When we do this together, the gates of hell are shaken!! The souls are turning to the Lord and lives are changed!!! If you are not, it is TIME TO GET IN THE RACE!!
52. Stand firm in the Lord no matter what!! Look up the verses below and record what the Word of God says on standing firm!! Read them in context and record what you see! How necessary is it? Is it a suggestion? Good advice? Or is it a call?
- 1 Cor. 16:13
  - Ephesians 6:11
  - Ephesians 6:13
  - Philippians 4:1
  - 2 Thess. 2:15
  - 1 Peter 5:9
  - 1 Cor. 15:58

- Galatians 5:1
- 2 Cor. 1:24
- Hebrews 3:14
- Matthew 10:22
- Hebrews 10:23
- 1 Thess. 3:8
- Joshua 23:6

53. Stand firm, be bold, we have work to do and a mission to accomplish!!  
Unfortunately so many things are grasping at our ability to stand firm! We need to stop allowing them to stand in the way of the Lord!! Read this list below and record how each one has stopped you from standing firm, and how you are going to handle them moving forward! The first step is identifying how do we stand in the way of the Lord?

- By standing in our flesh
- By standing in our excuses
- By standing on justification
- By standing on validation
- By standing behind our insecurities
- By compromise our sin
- By explaining away the need for true repentance
- By being easily swayed by distractions

54. The next step is to deal a death blow to each one!! Resolved not to let them keep you any longer from standing firm in Christ and for Christ!! Surrender each one now and leave it! Run, pressing on towards the goal to win the prize, forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to lies ahead!!

55. Read verse 28, what is Paul saying here? Look up, "alarmed", "opponents", and "destruction". Record what you find!
56. If you are being attacked, that is proof you are being used by God so do not lose heart!! Record your thoughts on this Allen Redpath quote:  
"There is no winning without warfare; there is no opportunity without opposition; there is no victory without vigilance. For when ever the people of God say, 'Let us arise and build,' Satan says, 'Let me arise and oppose.'"
57. Warfare and opposition is going to happen if we are speaking for Christ. It is normal, expect it and do not be surprised by it! Write your thoughts on this quote: "If we are defending ourselves every time we are accused- we will have little time for anything else" If you guard your character -God will guard your reputation!- Oswald Chambers
58. Notice the last part of verse 28, "that too, from God" Wow!! How we need to hear this!!! That even the opposition is from God! Write out what the Spirit of God is speaking to your heart!!
59. Read this quote and record your reaction and thoughts!!! How does this challenge you personally? "If you think that this does not apply to you- you are wrong- if you are living a life that does not make the enemy stand up and take notice then you are not living Biblical Christianity!! We should all want to step out and do something for God's glory! If you are not doing something for God's glory that defies all human expectation and explanation and keeps you on your face or knees before God and marks you as a man (woman) that the enemy has to rise up and oppose then you are not living Biblical Christianity! - Matheson

60. Read verses 29-30 and look up “granted” and record what it means! What is being granted here? Do you see it ALL as a gift? Why or why not? What is the Lord trying to teach you here?

61. May we be mindful and purposeful, willing to move and be used by God!! May we stand firm, keeping our death in eyes view, living with an open hand and heart! May we glorify God by standing firm and being bold for the gospel!! Is anything at all holding you back from this?? If so, it is time to lay it down, surrender it and RUN the race with boldness until we cross that finish line and see our Savior face to face!!!

“The face of death, and nearness of eternity, did much convince me what books to read, what studies to prefer and prosecute, what company and conversation to choose. It drove me early into the vineyard of the Lord, and taught me to preach as a dying man to dying men” Richard Baxter

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