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CITY CHURCH

## The Art of Being Grateful Week # 2 JOY"FULL" Phil 1:1-14

### "The Secret to Staying Joyfull."



**Whatever we don't take for gratitude, we take for granted.**

#### **Sticky Statement:**

**YOU CAN ALWAYS TRUST IN GOD'S "WHY", EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR "WHAT."**

***Happiness focuses on the External ... Joyful focuses on the Eternal.***

"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. **Psalms 16:11**

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. ....<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. <sup>13</sup> As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard<sup>14</sup> and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear." **Philippians 1:1-8,11-14**

### **3 SECRETS TO STAYING JOY"FULL"... REMEMBER ...**

#### **1. MY GOD IS ALWAYS \_\_\_\_\_ ME. v2-4**

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy."

#### **2. MY GOD ALWAYS \_\_\_\_\_ ME. v7-8**

<sup>4</sup> "In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus." V4-5, 7-8

**partnership" = "koinania" to share intimately in all things.**

#### **Relational Discipleship Moment.**

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."<sup>6</sup> So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid." Heb. 13:5-6

**How has God used people in your life to show you his help in a difficult season of life? Share it.**

#### **3. MY GOD IS ALWAYS \_\_\_\_\_ IN ME. v7-8,13-14**

<sup>6</sup> "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." V6

**"began a good work" = something that happened to you in the past ... but continues on into the future."**

***Your test that you endure today could be the testimony that you tell tomorrow.***

**DO THE WORD: JOY"FULL" (Phil 1:3-4) "<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you... I always pray with joy..."**

Write the name of someone GOD has brought to your mind today who is going through a difficult time right now. How might God want to use you to remind them that God is for them, can help them, and that He still sees them and cares. (**Take sometime today to tell them via phone call, text, email**)

Where are you struggling to being JOY"FULL" right now in life? We all have a WHAT we don't understand in life... are willing to trust him with the WHY? What is your "What" you are struggling to trust God with this morning?