

God's Not Done Yet

Philippians 1:1-11

The Church at Philippi

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The Letter of Philippians was:

(1) written by a man in prison | (2) to a church under pressure despite the circumstances | (3) it is one of the most joyful letters ever written.

The first church in Philippi started with

1. Businesswoman (and her family),
2. a former slave,
3. A Roman jailer.

Philippians 1:1-2

POINT 1: JOY ROOTED IN _____, NOT CIRCUMSTANCES

Philippians 1:3-5

POINT 2: JOY ROOTED IN GOD'S FINISHING _____, NOT MY PERFORMANCE

Philippians 1:6

POINT 3: JOY ROOTED IN GROWING _____ AND DISCERNMENT

Philippians 1:7–11 || Philippians 1:9-11

My Next Step:

This week, identify one area of your life where you've stopped expecting God to work.

1. Pray Philippians 1:6 over it—out loud, intentionally, trusting God's faithfulness.

2. Invite someone into it—a friend, a group, or a trusted believer—because joy grows where gospel life is shared.

Questions for Further Study

1. How would you personally define the difference between **happiness** and **biblical joy**?
2. Why do you think our culture has more comfort and convenience, yet less joy?
3. Why do you think God chose such different people (Lydia, the slave girl, the jailer) to form the Philippian church?
4. Why does Paul pray for **love with discernment**, rather than comfort or relief?
5. What is one area where you've stopped expecting God to work—and why?