

PHILIPPIANS

FAITHFULNESS & JOY THROUGH DIFFICULTY



KANSAS STATE MOTTO:
AD ASTRA PER ASPERA (LATIN) =
“TO THE STARS THROUGH DIFFICULTY”

PHILIPPIANS 2:15-16 ESV

“THAT YOU MAY BE BLAMELESS AND INNOCENT, CHILDREN OF
GOD WITHOUT BLEMISH IN THE MIDST OF A CROOKED AND
TWISTED GENERATION, AMONG WHOM YOU SHINE AS
LIGHTS(STARS) IN THE WORLD, HOLDING FAST TO THE WORD OF
LIFE, SO THAT IN THE DAY OF CHRIST I MAY BE PROUD THAT
I DID NOT RUN IN VAIN OR LABOR IN VAIN.”



PHILIPPIANS 1:15-31 NIV

"IT IS TRUE THAT SOME PREACH CHRIST OUT OF ENVY AND RIVALRY, BUT OTHERS OUT OF GOODWILL. THE LATTER DO SO OUT OF LOVE, KNOWING THAT I AM PUT HERE FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE GOSPEL. THE FORMER PREACH CHRIST OUT OF SELFISH AMBITION, NOT SINCERELY, SUPPOSING THAT THEY CAN STIR UP TROUBLE FOR ME WHILE I AM IN CHAINS. **BUT WHAT DOES IT MATTER?** THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT IN EVERY WAY, WHETHER FROM FALSE MOTIVES OR TRUE, **CHRIST IS PREACHED**. AND BECAUSE OF THIS I REJOICE. YES, AND I WILL CONTINUE TO REJOICE, FOR I KNOW THAT THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS AND GOD'S PROVISION OF THE SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ME WILL TURN OUT FOR MY DELIVERANCE. I EAGERLY EXPECT AND HOPE THAT I WILL IN NO WAY BE ASHAMED, BUT WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT COURAGE SO THAT NOW AS ALWAYS CHRIST WILL BE EXALTED IN MY BODY, WHETHER BY LIFE OR BY DEATH."



“FOR TO ME, TO LIVE IS CHRIST AND TO DIE IS GAIN. IF I AM TO GO ON LIVING IN THE BODY, THIS WILL MEAN FRUITFUL LABOR FOR ME. YET WHAT SHALL I CHOOSE? I DO NOT KNOW! I AM TORN BETWEEN THE TWO: I DESIRE TO DEPART AND BE WITH CHRIST, WHICH IS BETTER BY FAR; BUT IT IS MORE NECESSARY FOR YOU THAT I REMAIN IN THE BODY. CONVINCED OF THIS, I KNOW THAT I WILL REMAIN, AND I WILL CONTINUE WITH ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR PROGRESS AND JOY IN THE FAITH, SO THAT THROUGH MY BEING WITH YOU AGAIN YOUR BOASTING IN CHRIST JESUS WILL ABOUND ON ACCOUNT OF ME.” “WHATEVER HAPPENS, CONDUCT YOURSELVES IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. THEN, WHETHER I COME AND SEE YOU OR ONLY HEAR ABOUT YOU IN MY ABSENCE, I WILL KNOW THAT YOU **STAND FIRM** IN THE ONE SPIRIT, STRIVING TOGETHER AS ONE FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL WITHOUT BEING FRIGHTENED IN ANY WAY BY THOSE WHO OPPOSE YOU. THIS IS A SIGN TO THEM THAT THEY WILL BE DESTROYED, BUT THAT YOU WILL BE SAVED—AND THAT BY GOD. FOR IT HAS BEEN GRANTED TO YOU ON BEHALF OF CHRIST NOT ONLY TO BELIEVE IN HIM, BUT ALSO TO SUFFER FOR HIM, SINCE YOU ARE GOING THROUGH THE SAME STRUGGLE YOU SAW I HAD, AND NOW HEAR THAT I STILL HAVE.”



**IT DON'T MATTER:
STAND FIRM AND
PREACH JESUS!**



STAND FIRM:

- GALATIANS 5:1 NIV "IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT CHRIST HAS SET US FREE. STAND FIRM, THEN, AND DO NOT LET YOURSELVES BE BURDENED AGAIN BY A YOKE OF SLAVERY."
- EPHESIANS 6:14 NIV "STAND FIRM THEN, WITH THE BELT OF TRUTH BUCKLED AROUND YOUR WAIST, WITH THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IN PLACE,"
- COLOSSIANS 4:12 NIV "EPAPHRAS, WHO IS ONE OF YOU AND A SERVANT OF CHRIST JESUS, SENDS GREETINGS. HE IS ALWAYS WRESTLING IN PRAYER FOR YOU, THAT YOU MAY STAND FIRM IN ALL THE WILL OF GOD, MATURE AND FULLY ASSURED."

PHILIPPIANS 4:11-3 NIV

“I AM NOT SAYING THIS BECAUSE I AM IN NEED, FOR I HAVE LEARNED TO BE CONTENT WHATEVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO BE IN NEED, AND I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO HAVE PLENTY. I HAVE LEARNED THE SECRET OF BEING CONTENT IN ANY AND EVERY SITUATION, WHETHER WELL FED OR HUNGRY, WHETHER LIVING IN PLENTY OR IN WANT. I CAN DO ALL THIS THROUGH HIM WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH.”

- WHO TODAY NEEDS THE HELP AND POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO STAND FIRM IN THE SITUATION YOU ARE FACING?
- WHO TODAY NEEDS TO QUIT COMPLAINING AND SEE HOW GOD HAS BLESSED YOUR LIFE?
- WHO TODAY NEEDS TO PRAY FOR OTHERS MORE AND BE A REFRESHING RELATIONSHIP FOR THEM?
- WHO TODAY NEEDS TO EXPERIENCE NEW LIFE IN JESUS; SO THAT, YOU CAN TRULY LIVE?