

Philippians: A Lighthouse of Joy in an Ocean of Grief

Rejoice!

Philippians 4:1-9

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Questions for Further Exploration...

1. What qualities or patterns are existing in a community and/or individual who is standing firm in the Lord?

Philippians in Review (vs. 1)

[1:27 & 4:1] = “stand firm”

7 Patterns for Communities and/or Individuals standing firm in the Lord

Relational Harmony (2-3)

Joy (4)

Gentleness (5)

Freedom from Anxiety (6a)

Reliance on God (6b-7)

Higher Thoughts (8)

Faithfully Forming Lives (9)

Thoughtful applications for my personal and corporate life...

Next Week: Glorious Contentment (Phil. 4:10-23)

Supporting

Scripture

Phil. 1-3

1:27

2:1-18

2:19-30

3:1-20

4:1

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<p>Philippians: A Lighthouse of Joy in an Ocean of Grief</p> <p>Rejoice!</p> <p>Next Steps: Home Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Phil. 4:1-9</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> -Philippians 4:1-9</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss both Paul's feelings for the church, and the way in which he views them (vs. 1). 2. As he calls the congregation to stand firm in the Lord, he begins to shape how this might look, starting with a call towards relational harmony. How do broken relationships that exist both inside and outside of our churches effect and influence the nature of our gatherings? 3. Together with relational harmony, Paul identifies joy, gentleness (reasonableness), freedom from anxiety, and reliance on the Lord as other indicators of churches standing firm in the Lord. (vss.4-7) How are these indicators expressed in our own Christian community at CMBC? How can we grow, or better facilitate these ideals? 4. In verse 8, Paul discusses the way that the Christian community should form its thinking. Instead of our minds being set on earthly things, he envisions a community with their minds set on things above. What adjectives does Paul use to compel our thinking in the right direction? Who is the person that Paul has set forth as the standard and perfect fulfillment of each of these words (2:5-11)? 5. How does Paul encourage faithful spiritual formation in verse 9? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text challenge us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. How are we motivated to grow in a greater love for others? 3. How might Jesus be motivating us to apply some of the principles from this passage to our families, careers, communities, or churches? 4. How might Jesus be using us to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. How can we pray for each other between now and next time? 	<p><u>Supporting Scripture</u></p> <p>Phil. 1-3 1:27 2:1-18 2:19-30 3:1-20 4:1</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>