

Philippians: A Lighthouse of Joy in an Ocean of Grief

Glorious Contentment

Philippians 4:10-23

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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?

Patterns for Standing Firm in the Lord (Review)

1. Relational Harmony (2-3)
2. Joy (4)
3. Gentleness (5)
4. Freedom from Anxiety (6a)
5. Reliance on God (6b-7)
6. Higher Thoughts (8)
7. Faithfully Forming Lives (9)

Secret (10-14)

8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Support (15-20)

11. _____

Sendoff (21-23)

12. _____

Thoughtful applications for my personal and corporate life...

Next Week: Glory to our Newborn King – Prepare

Supporting

Scripture

Phil. 1-4

1 Pet. 2:9
Rom. 12:1-2;
15:16
Heb. 13:15-16
Prov. 11:25
Mt. 5:7; 6:33

Phil. 1:1-2

<p>Philippians: A Lighthouse of Joy in an Ocean of Grief</p> <p>Glorious Contentment</p> <p>Next Steps: Home Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Phil. 4:10-23</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 4:10-23</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From the beginning of Paul's letter to the Philippian Church through the end, one primary topic he has explored is ministry partnership. Talk about how ministry partnerships can both exemplify the patterns of Christ as described in Philippians 2:5-11, and be good for the building up of the Christian community overall? 2. What is Paul's secret to contentment? How has his secret sustained and upheld you through life? How has Philippians 4:13 sometimes been misused in the Church? 3. In what ways did the Philippians demonstrate kindness towards Paul? Which of these patterns could be emulated or practiced by the Church today to demonstrate kindness towards our gospel partners? 4. How does Paul receive the gifts that he was sent? (vss. 18-19) How does he suggest that those same gifts were viewed by God? How does this motivate and inspire generosity for the Church today? 5. Take time to discuss your takeaways from our study in Philippians. What stood out to you? How might you continue to apply the principles of this letter in your life? <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. 1-4 1 Pet. 2:9 Rom. 12:1-2; 15:16 Heb. 13:15-16 Prov. 11:25 Mt. 5:7; 6:33 Phil. 1:1-2</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>