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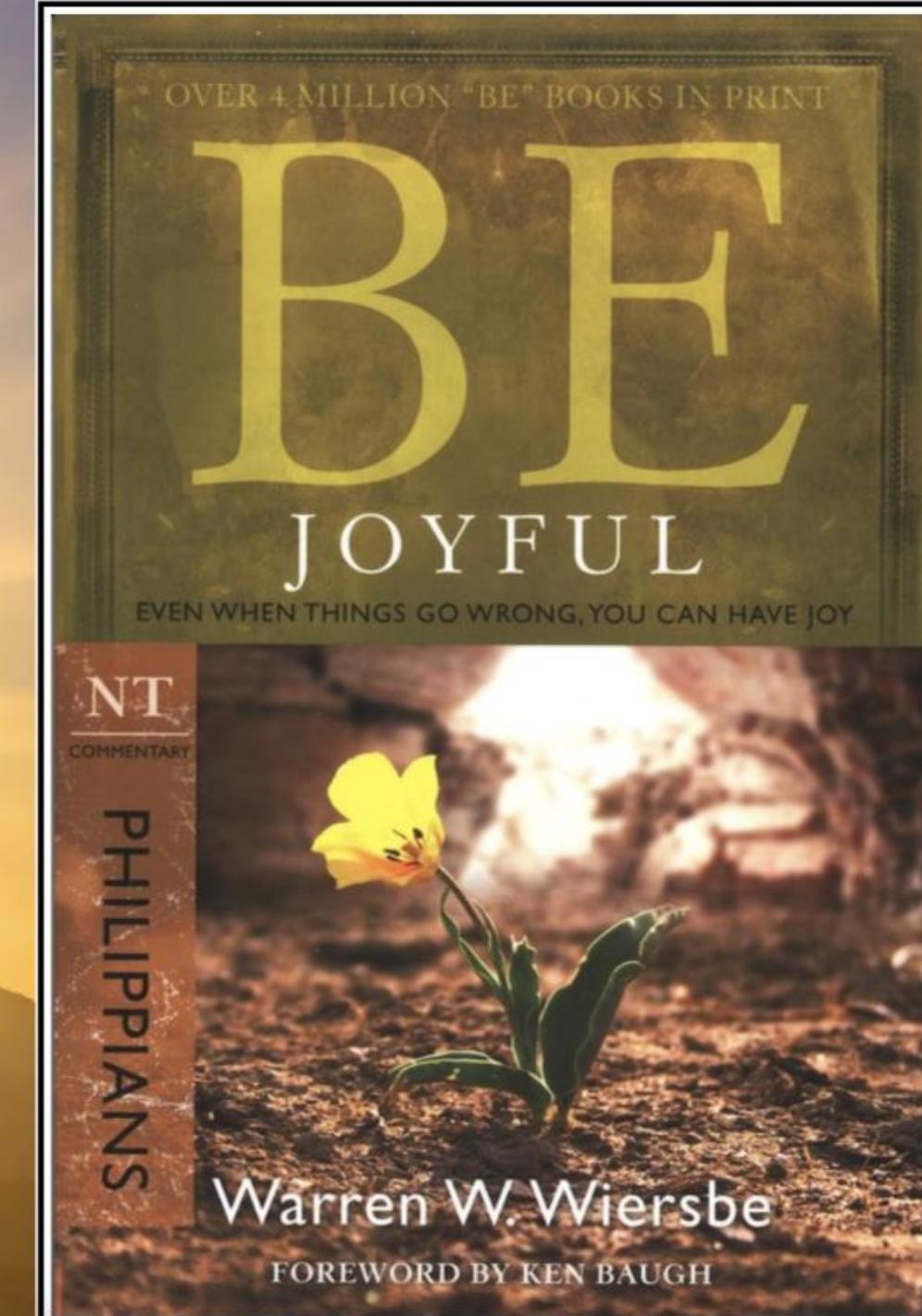
- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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# joy in the Journey Philippians

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# Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Psalm 65:1-5, 8

*Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;  
to you our vows will be fulfilled.*

*You who answer prayer,  
to you all people will come.*

*When we were overwhelmed by sins,  
you forgave our transgressions.*

*Blessed are those you choose  
and bring near to live in your courts!*

*We are filled with the good things  
of your house, of your holy temple.*

*You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,  
God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas...*

*The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;  
where morning dawns, where evening fades,  
you call forth songs of joy.*

joy  
in the  
journey

Paul's letter to the  
Philippians



Philippians 1:1-11

*Joy* in  
the *Journey*

INCREASING YOUR JOY



1 Thessalonians 5:16

“Be *joyful always.*”

## 2 Corinthians 11:23-27

*“I’ve worked much harder, been jailed more often, beaten up more times than I can count, and at death’s door time after time. I’ve been flogged five times with the Jews’ thirty-nine lashes, beaten by Roman rods three times, pummeled with rocks once.*

## 2 Corinthians 11:23-27

*I've been shipwrecked three times, and immersed in the open sea for a night and a day. In hard traveling year in and year out, I've had to ford rivers, fend off robbers, struggle with friends, struggle with foes.*

## 2 Corinthians 11:23-27

*I've been at risk in the city, at risk in the country, endangered by desert sun and sea storm, and betrayed by those I thought were my brothers. I've known drudgery and hard labor, many a long and lonely night without sleep, many a missed meal, blasted by the cold, naked to the weather."*

## 2 Corinthians 12:7

*“...because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given **a thorn in my flesh**, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.”*

# Paul's source of joy:

- “*In the Lord.*” (3:1; 4:4; 4:10)
- Paul placed his **confidence** and **hope** in the **character** and **nature of God** instead of his difficulties, pain or constant change of circumstances.

# Paul's source of joy:

1. His confidence in the sovereignty of God
2. His hope in heaven

# THE BOOK OF PHILLIPIANS

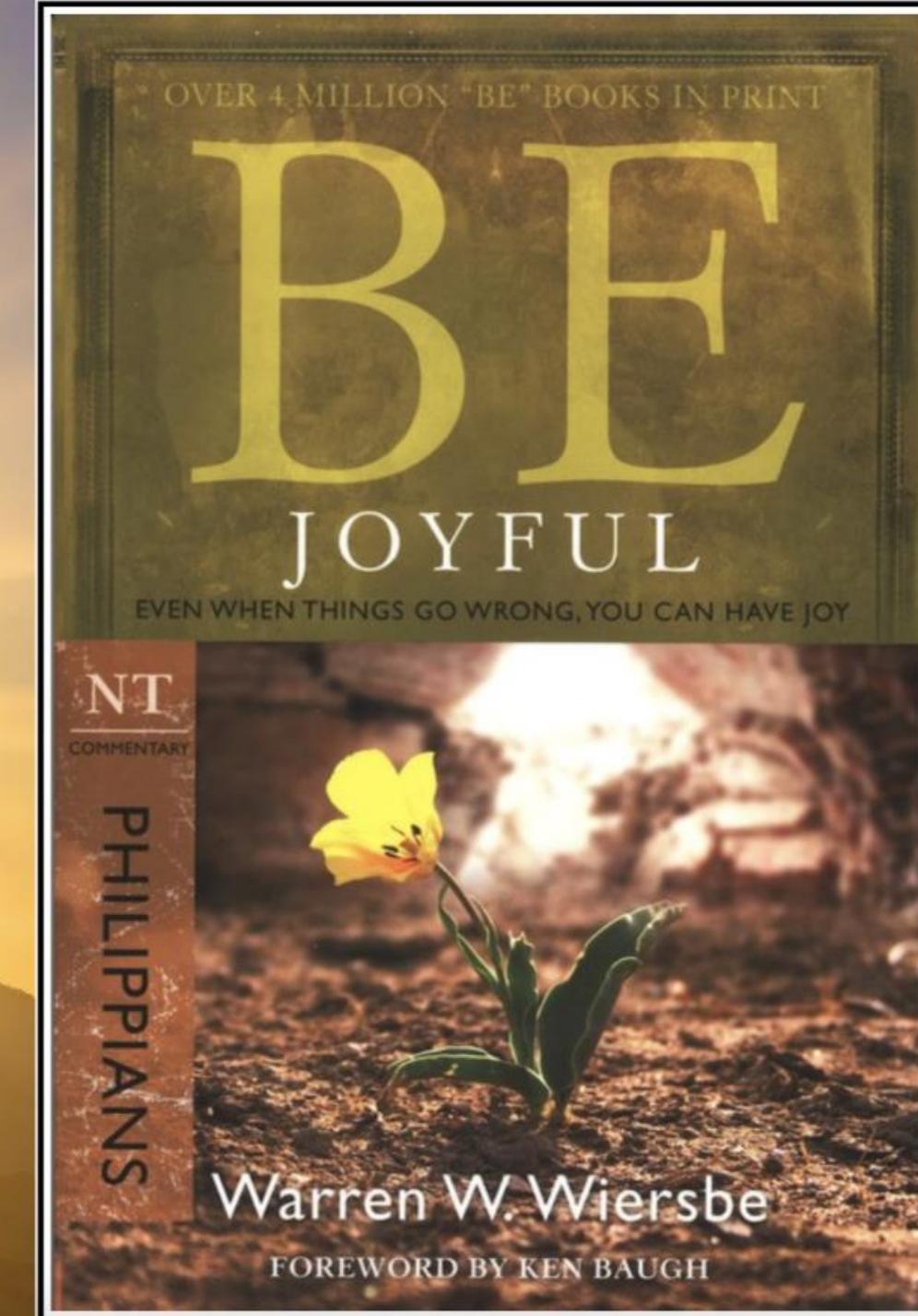
The book theme: “*The Joy of Lord*”

The book outline by Warren Wiersbe:

- I. The Single Mind (Phillipians 1)
- II. The Submissive Mind (Phillipians 2)
- III. The Spiritual Mind (Phillipians 3)
- IV. The Secure Mind (Philippians 4)

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# Phillipians 1:11-11

- *<sup>1</sup>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*

# Phillipians 1:11-11

•<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,

# Phillipians 1:11-11

•*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>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,*

# Phillipians 1:11-11

•<sup>10</sup> *so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.*

# John 15:11

*“These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.”*

# Joy-Stealers:

1. Circumstances
2. People
3. Things
4. Worry

# Paul's single mind:

1. He lived for Christ and the gospel.
2. He lived to glorify the Lord.
3. He lived to share the gospel with others.

# Paul's single mind:

1. I have you in my **mind** (V.3-6)
2. I have you in my **heart** (V.7-8)
3. I have you in my **prayers** (V.9-11)

# Phillipians 1:3-6 – I have you in my mind

•<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.*

# God's three-fold work in our lives:

1. The work God does for us - Salvation
2. The work God does in us - Sanctification
3. The work God does through us - Service

1 John 3:2

*“We shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”*

## Phillipians 1:7-8 – I have you in my heart

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# 1 John 3:14

*“We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.”*

# Romans 5:5

*“God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy spirit, whom he has given us.”*

# 1 Peter 4:8

*“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.”*

## Phillipians 1:9-11 – I have you in my prayers

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# Paul's Prayer:

1. A prayer for maturity in Love
2. A prayer for maturity in Character
3. A prayer for maturity in Service

# Conclusion:

This is true Christian fellowship, a "having-in-common" that is much deeper than mere friendship. I have you in my mind, in my heart and in my prayers. This is the kind of fellowship that produces joy, and it is the single mind that produces this kind of fellowship.

# Conclusion:

A fellowship with the gospel is a fellowship with the truth, with Jesus, and one another and that increases our joy.

And that is really "*Good News*" for us today!

# Take Aways

*What's an overall take away  
from the worship service  
this morning?*



# The Blessing

Romans 15:13

*May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace  
as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.*