

GNC Zoom Connect
Philippians 1 Recap
"The Power of the God's Word"
Drue Warner
2-1-26

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

***"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace."** – Isaiah 55:10-12a*

Philippians Overview

Theme: *"The Joy of Lord"*

Outline by Warren Wiersbe:

- CH. 1 - The Single Mind
- CH. 2 - The Submissive Mind
- CH. 3 - The Spiritual Mind
- CH. 4 - The Secure Mind

Philippians 1 (Drue's Top 3 verses)

- **Vs. 6 Security** *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.*
- **Vs. 12 Suffering** *Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.*
- **Vs. 21 Satisfaction** *For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.*

Spotlight on Philippians 1:27-29

27 "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then... I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel 28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. 29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him.

Advancing the Gospel together through...

1. **Character** – conduct yourselves in a manner... (inside out, not outside in)
2. **Courage** – stand firm... without being frightened (fear God, not man)
3. **Crisis** – it has been granted for you to suffer (DNA of the Christian faith)

*“Striving together
as one for the faith of
the gospel” (vs. 27b)*



Philippians 1 Key Thoughts

1. **JOY** - Joy is a decision. For Paul, joy was not just an attitude, it was a declaration of faith. Joy is a decision.
2. **CONVICTION** - Belief is to Boot Camp as Conviction is to Battlefield
3. **FEAR** - When we fear God, fear of man (and all other fears) fade.

Shane Taylor's story (BiOY, Day 29)

- *“For whatever reason, I am not afraid of any man. There is no fear in me. I don't know if there's something wrong with me or what, but I don't feel fear, except for one thing. The only thing I fear is God, because I know where I was in life and I know how He changed me.”*

Take Aways

NEXT WEEK... Philippians 2:1-11 (The Humiliation of Joy)

¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Midweek Connect
Discussion Questions
2-3-26

1. How have you personally experienced the power of God's Word?
2. How and when did you become convinced of the power of God's Word?
3. Which of Drue's Top 3 verses from Philippians 1 stands out most to you?
4. Which of the 3 words (Joy, Conviction, Fear) speaks the most to you?
5. How are you doing in your spiritual journey?
6. How are you encouraged in your faith journey?
7. What are the biggest challenges in your struggle to believe?
8. Where are you in the belief/conviction continuum? What are the barriers / obstacles that hold you back from a deeper level of conviction?
9. Where are you now (spiritually) compared to a year ago or five years ago?
10. What are the factors that have contributed most to your spiritual growth?