

Philippians

Why Philippians?

Philippians is one of the most encouraging books in The Bible. Paul's joyful words to The Philippian Church remind us to constantly rejoice in the confidence we have that Christ will complete the work He began in us— no matter the circumstances.

Some Background

- 9 of the 13 books that Paul wrote are letters to local churches (like the one in Philippi — his 6th).
- The Apostle Paul founded the church in Philippi in AD 50 after the famous events of his arrest there in Acts 16. Paul returned in AD 57, and wrote this letter to the Philippian church in AD 60 while under house arrest in Rome
- The Philippian church was undergoing a great deal of struggle. They were dealing with persecution and false teachers that specifically wanted to “undo” the teaching that Paul had given them— ultimately creating division between The Gentile believers and the Jewish believers in The Church.
- Paul speaks very directly about these struggles and trials throughout the book with one common thesis: “Rejoice!”

Theme Verses

Philippians 1:6 — “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.

Philippians 4:4 — “Rejoice in The Lord Always; I will say it again: Rejoice!”

What's The Plan?

We will read 1 chapter per day of Philippians this month. You can include it in your Quiet Time however you'd like. On the last day of the month (2/29) we will read through the whole book at once, which means we will read through the entire book together 8 times this month!

Getting The Most Out of This

We read historical accounts as historical accounts. We read poetry as poetry. We read letters as letters. That being said, read Philippians like you are reading a letter from a wise teacher (makes sense, doesn't it?)! I encourage you to use the [scripture meditation methods](#) tool from our resources page to help you internalize and process things. I also suggest that you take a look at our [Quiet Time Tools](#) resources to help give you some instruction and direction as you navigate through our reading!

General Outline

Chapter 1: Rejoice! Christ is our life

Chapter 2: Rejoice! Christ is our example

Chapter 3: Rejoice! Christ is our glory

Chapter 4: Rejoice! Christ is our strength