



On Philippians

*Week 1: A Tumultuous Beginning | Teacher: Libin Abraham
Sermon Questions for 6.2.2024*

Opener

Where are the most random places you've seen Philippians 4:13 used?

Read

Acts 16:6-27; Philippians 1:27

Main Points

1. Paul wrote this letter while in a Roman jail and bound in chains.
2. Philippi became the first city in Europe to hear the gospel and to have a church planted.
3. The leading of the Spirit may a *go*, or a *no*, and we must be willing to do either.
4. There was a group of women gathered at a river to pray. Lydia was a wealthy Asian businesswoman. One of the women is known as "the slave girl." She was possessed by an evil spirit and Paul commanded the evil spirit to leave, which made it so that her owners could no longer use her for profit, and that's what led to Paul being beaten and flogged and imprisoned.
5. The group of women that Paul found in Philippi shows us that, through our unique abilities and opportunities that God gives us - whether at work or at home - the gospel spreads through you because of it, not in spite of it.
6. There were three kinds of pressure that the church in Philippi faced: political pressure, temptation for Gospel compromise, and internal unrest.
7. Paul encourages them (and us), that our union in Christ must always lead to unity with each other.

Engage with God in a Group

- How familiar are you with the book of Philippians?
- What do you find most interesting about how the church was formed in Philippians?
- When have you seen political pressure or temptation for Gospel compromise impact the Church in our current days? How have those two dynamics led to unrest within the Church today?
- Who has God brought into your life to encourage you in the faith?
- Who might God want to encourage through you?

Bottom Line

It's in our adversity that we prove to the world how precious Jesus is, not in our achievements but in our adversity.