



EPISODE 6: PHILIPPIANS  
FEBRUARY 21/22  
PHILIPPIANS 1-4

1. How does Paul express his thankfulness for the Philippian believers, and what can we learn from his gratitude? (Philippians 1:3-6)
2. In Philippians 2:3-4, Paul encourages humility and looking out for others' interests. How can we practically apply these principles in our daily lives?
3. Discuss the concept of joy in Philippians. How does Paul's perspective on joy differ from worldly views? (Philippians 4:4)
4. In Philippians 2:5-11, Paul presents the Christ hymn. What aspects of Christ's humility and exaltation stand out to you, and how can we emulate them?

5. Explore the idea of pressing forward in Philippians 3:12-14. How can we apply Paul's attitude toward spiritual growth and maturity in our own lives?
  
6. Reflect on Paul's perspective on suffering in Philippians 1:29-30. How can adversity strengthen our faith, according to Paul?
  
7. In Philippians 4:6-7, Paul encourages believers not to be anxious but to pray with thanksgiving. How can we practically implement this in challenging situations?
  
8. Discuss Paul's exhortation to have the mind of Christ in Philippians 2:5. How can believers develop and maintain a Christlike mindset in their daily lives?
  
9. Reflect on Philippians 3:8-11, where Paul discusses the surpassing worth of knowing Christ. How can we prioritize our relationship with Christ above all else?
  
10. Explore the concept of contentment in Philippians 4:11-13. How can believers cultivate contentment regardless of their circumstances?

11. In Philippians 1:21, Paul expresses the idea that to live is Christ and to die is gain. What does this mean, and how does it impact our perspective on life and death?
  
12. Discuss the importance of unity within the body of believers, as highlighted in Philippians 2:1-4.
  
13. How does Paul encourage believers to handle disagreements and conflicts within the church, as mentioned in Philippians 4:2-3?
  
14. In Philippians 3:20-21, Paul discusses the believers' citizenship in heaven. How can an awareness of our heavenly citizenship impact our earthly lives?
  
15. Reflect on the concept of "working out your salvation with fear and trembling" in Philippians 2:12-13. What does this mean, and how can believers live it out?
  
16. Discuss Paul's perspective on righteousness through faith in Philippians 3:9. How does this differ from self-righteousness based on works?
  
17. In Philippians 4:8, Paul lists virtues for believers to dwell on. How can focusing on these virtues impact our thought life and overall well-being?

18. Explore the role of the Holy Spirit in believers' lives, as mentioned in Philippians 1:19 and 2:13. How can we rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance?
  
19. Reflect on Paul's closing remarks in Philippians 4:21-23. What final encouragements and blessings does he impart to the Philippian believers, and how can we apply them today?
  
20. What is **Profound/ Powerful** about this letter to you? What does it tell us about God, about humanity and about God's involvement in our lives and salvation?
  
21. What is **Problematic**?
  
22. What **Personal** issues does Philippians address in Paul's life? Do any of these issues resonate with you? in your life?
  
23. Give some examples of how Paul expresses God's truth in **poetic**, memorable or beautiful ways.
  
24. Are there any **practical** issues that Paul raises (money, travel, politics, etc.)?
  
25. What does Paul **pray** for in this letter, and what do you think is at the top of his "prayer list" for this church?"

26. Where do you see Paul really speaking as a **pastor** and leader in this letter? What insights can be gained about Paul's relationship with the Philippians through this letter?