

Reading Plan



Thank you for joining us, as we spend the next **five weeks in the book of Philippians**. At a time of year usually reserved for tradition, *why Philippians?* Christ came that we might have life and have joy in that life. Often, we associate joy with our surroundings or our life condition. However, joy is something far more deeply rooted and evident. In Christ, joy becomes a characteristic, an overflow of something greater; it becomes an immovable outpouring of our faith. In light of this Christmas season's unprecedented difficulties, we want to look not only at the arrival of Christ, but at the joy-filled life Christ offers to all who put their faith in him.

During this five-week journey, we hope to be challenged by the apostle Paul's unshakable and contagious **JOY IN THE FAITH**—the overwhelming joy that moved Paul, a citizen of Heaven residing here on earth, to proclaim:

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" - Philippians 4:4 (NIV)

Each day before you read, please spend time in prayer:

1. Ask the Lord to search your heart and reveal any unconfessed sin in your life.
2. Thank the Lord for his grace, mercy and love for you.
3. Ask the Lord to reveal to you more about his character and himself.
4. Ask the Lord to reveal what new change, action, or attitude you can be obedient to.
5. Finally, ask the Lord to teach you about joy and faith, as he transforms your life.

Each day as you read, please contemplate the following questions:

1. How does this passage help me to have joy in the faith?
2. How does this passage reveal the power of Christ at work in people or circumstances?
3. After reading today's passage how can I follow Christ more closely?

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WEEK ONE

11/30 1:1-5
12/1 1:6-11
12/2 1:12-18
12/3 1:19-26
12/4 1:27-30

WEEK TWO

12/7 2:1-2
12/8 2:3-4
12/9 2:5-7
12/10 2:8
12/11 2:9-11

WEEK THREE

12/14 2:12-13
12/15 2:14-16
12/16 2:17-18
12/17 2:19-24
12/18 2:25-30

WEEK FOUR

12/21 3:1-3
12/22 3:4-7
12/23 3:8-11
12/24 3:12-16
12/25 3:17-21

WEEK FIVE

12/28 4:1-3
12/29 4:4-7
12/30 4:8-9
12/31 4:10-13
1/1/21 4:14-23