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Worship Service  
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## PHILIPPIANS: Joy in the Journey

Lesson Seventeen • Philippians 1-2

### Reality Check

#### Reality

Joy in the journey is experienced MOST FULLY when we live Christ-centered and Gospel-driven lives.

*I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.*  
Philippians 1:12-14

*What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.* Philippians 1:18

*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.* Philippians 1:21

*Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ...* Philippians 1:27

#### Reality Check

Joy in the journey does not mean the ABSENCE of struggles, troubles, and even trials in the journey.

#### Time for a Reality Check

### 1. Do You Struggle with ANXIETY in a Life of Faith?

*I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you.* Philippians 2:19

*I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.* Philippians 2:23-24

2 Corinthians 11:28 1 Thessalonians 3:5

Philippians 4:8

### 2. Do You Struggle with SORROW in a Life of Joy?

*Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious.*  
Philippians 2:27-28

Isaiah 53:3 2 Corinthians 6:10

2 Corinthians 4:17

### 3. Do You Struggle with WEAKNESS in a Life of Power?

*I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you.* Philippians 2:19

*I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need.* Philippians 2:25

2 Corinthians 1:8-9; 12:9

#### The Apostle Paul's Reality Can Be Your Reality!

The weight of earthly STRUGGLES cannot diminish the power of Gospel JOY when we live Christ-centered and Gospel-driven lives.

#### COMMUNION

##### Remembering the Reality of Christ's Sacrifice for Us

Followers of Jesus Christ (those who trust Christ for salvation, identify with Christ in baptism and commit to Christ's body in membership of a local church of like faith and practice) are invited to participate in Communion. The bread and juice represent the body and blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!