

SERIES: No Matter What

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TEXT: Philippians 1:1-11

The 2020 Question:

Where would we be at the end of 2020 if we fixed our eyes first and foremost on Jesus – every hour, every day – in a way that allowed Him to capture our hearts more than any competing vision?

Introduction to Philippians (vv. 1-2):

The church of Philippi was born in a time of unexpected trials and uncertain tomorrows (Acts 16).

The letter of Philippians was written in a time of unexpected trials and uncertain tomorrows.

God works through unexpected trials to bring forth unexpected joy.

Together No Matter What

- Rejoice in each other (vv. 3-6)
 - Because we are on mission for God
 - Because God is on mission for us
 - Beware of self-pity
- Long for each other (vv. 7-8)
 - For all of each other
 - With the affection of Christ
 - Beware of self-protection
- Pray for each other (vv. 9-11)
 - To know what is best in Christ (no matter what!)
 - For the glory of God
 - Beware of self-promotion

TAKE ACTION TODAY:

- Email info@forcey.org to request our weekly prayer guide.
- Use our prayer wall at www.forcey.org.
- Email wecare@forcey.org to help with our Call Team.

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

- Read the story of the church of Philippi in Acts 16
- Read more about the church of Philippi in 2 Corinthians 8-9
- Consider reading the book of Philippians each week for the next nine weeks
- Memorize Philippians 1:3-6
- Listen to “All the People Said Amen” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R377Az6RQil>
- Listen to “O Church Arise” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZmS81yLjMg>
- Watch this overview to Philippians from the Bible Project - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oE9qqW1-BkU>

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Do you go on walks? Where? Describe a time you went for a walk and found real comfort or strength in something.
3. What is something unchanging in your world that brings you comfort no matter what?
4. Describe a time when God gave you unexpected joy in the midst of an unexpected trial.
5. What are some ways God has given us to effectively partner in the gospel together? What has your “partnership in the gospel” looked like with your church?
6. Describe how God’s “good work began in you” – share your memories about how the Lord first went to work in your life.
7. How has the Lord been working to complete His work in you lately? What is something you feel the Lord is trying to teach you or do in your life?
8. What are some practical ways we can “hold each other in our hearts” and “long for each other” in this season?
9. Share with one another what your prayer times have looked like in this season? What challenges have you experienced? What success have you had in prioritizing times of prayer for others?
10. Of the three dangers we discussed – self-pity, self-protection, and self-promotion – which do you need to most beware of and why?