

## 50-Philippians-04- Transcript-TS

00:47

well good evening and welcome to chapter

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4 of the book of Philippians and that

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clip that I just opened with you could

00:56

hear some laughter in the background I

00:58

didn't think it was funny at all I

01:00

thought it was quite disturbing and

01:01

quite tragic that we would see these two

01:04

women I don't know what the context is I

01:06

don't know why they were fighting but we

01:08

see these two mature women engaged in

01:11

this this brawl these fisticuffs and how

01:15

unfortunate especially if they are

01:17

church members and that really is the

01:20

subject today in chapter 4 chapter 8

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chapter 4 begins with a conflict between

01:25

two women in this congregation at

01:28

Philippi yo dia and Sint Ikki and the

01:32

question then becomes if we were in that

01:33

congregation what would we do would we

01:36

just observe what would we actually

01:38

intervene and so let's let's get into

01:41

the study of chapter 4 I'll just say a

01:43

quick prayer and then we'll begin our

01:46

Heavenly Father we come before you we

01:48

just thank you so much Lord for your

01:50

word your word of truth we thank you for

01:53

this wonderful letter that Paul wrote to

01:55

the a beautiful congregation of Philippi

01:59

and we thank you for what we can learn

02:00

from this letter and pray Lord that this

02:03

evening as we go through the final

02:05

chapter of the book of Philippians that

02:08

you would help us to grasp as much as we

02:10

can from it and that what we learn we

02:14

would actually put into practice that it

02:17

would transform us and make us better

02:19

children better Christians that are

02:22

followers of our Lord Jesus Christ we

02:25

praise you lord and ask your blessing

02:27

now in Jesus name Amen so I mentioned

02:31

that we're going to be looking at the

02:33

last chapter of the book of Philippians

02:37

before we do that I just want to remind

02:39

you of the the central scripture in this

02:43

book are the central verse and that's

02:45

verse 27 where he is asking the

02:48

congregation in Philippi to ensure that

02:51

their conduct is fitting for their

02:56

knowledge of the gospel that this good

02:58

news that Jesus Christ brought us is so

03:01

profound that it should change

03:03

completely the way we behave and that's

03:06

what Paul was requesting from the church

03:10

at Philippi that even though he couldn't

03:12

get to them he wanted to hear that their

03:15

conduct matches the gospel of Christ

03:19

now there were some risks that the

03:21

congregation was facing and just to

03:24

remind you about those risks

03:26

the first one was in Chapter 1 there was

03:31

external persecution that that Paul

03:33

warned them that they shouldn't be

03:35

terrified of their adversaries and so

03:39

that was we saw that in chapter 1 this

03:41

external persecution on the church and

03:43  
and he showed them how to how to handle  
03:45  
that then in chapter 2 we saw another  
03:48  
risk or another threat and that was  
03:50  
internal strife  
03:51  
and he showed them that the way to  
03:53  
handle that is to put on the mind of  
03:56  
Christ and to ensure that everybody is  
03:59  
esteeming others better than themselves  
04:01  
and they're willing to humble themselves  
04:03  
and sacrifice themselves for the welfare  
04:06  
and benefit of others if they do that  
04:08  
that will eliminate the risk that comes  
04:11  
from internal strife which is actually  
04:14  
the greater risk it's a greater risk  
04:15  
than external persecution external  
04:18  
persecution tends to bind the church and  
04:20  
strengthen the church  
04:21  
whereas internal strife is what destroys  
04:24  
the church and then the the third risk  
04:27  
was an approaching risk and that was the  
04:30  
threat of the Judaizers people who were  
04:33  
going around there were Christians there

04:35

were Jewish Christians and they were

04:37

basically going around saying that the

04:39

sacrifice of Christ was not enough that

04:42

in addition to the sacrifice of Christ

04:44

to really obtain salvation they had to

04:47

observe the law and specifically they

04:49

had to be circumcised and and Paul was

04:52

basically inoculating the congregation

04:55

against this threat and telling them

04:57

that there is there these are enemies of

05:00

the cross of Christ that that we must

05:03

really understand how profound the

05:05

sacrifice of our Creator was and not to

05:09

attach anything to that that that bet

05:11

enables us to have this free gift of

05:13

salvation so he's covered these three

05:16

risks and of the three the second one is

05:19

is really the the big one and and now

05:22

he's wrapping up the letter in chapter 4

05:24

and it actually is going to address this

05:27

second risk of internal strife more

05:29

specifically in chapter 2 he's

05:31

addressing it generally now in chapter 4

05:34

he's going to be very specific and again

05:37

appeal to them to fulfill his

05:39

instruction in verse 27 which is to

05:43

ensure that their conduct becomes the

05:46

gospel of Jesus Christ so let's begin

05:50

then in verse 1 of chapter 4 where we

05:54

see he says therefore as he concluded

05:56

now my brethren dearly beloved he really

06:02

loved this congregation the brethren

06:04

here and not just that he loves them

06:06

they are longed for he longs to be with

06:10

them again he really misses them and

06:12

misses the support and love that they

06:14

enjoyed that mutual support that they

06:17

had for one another so their beloved and

06:19

longed for and again that goes back to

06:21

the beginning of the chapter or the

06:24

beginning of the book chapter 1 where

06:26

the letter is to all the saints at

06:28

Philippi with the Deacons and the

06:30

bishops

06:31  
so he's communicating to everybody my  
06:34  
joy and Crown so this is just there  
06:38  
there is so much joy whenever he thinks  
06:40  
of this congregation but not just joy  
06:43  
there are also his crown that he is just  
06:46  
so excited about presenting this  
06:49  
congregation to Jesus Christ on the the  
06:52  
final day of the Day of Judgment Christ  
06:54  
returns and and he just knows this is  
06:57  
his reward this is his fruit this is the  
06:59  
fruit of his labor and so he asked them  
07:01  
in this way stand fast in the Lord what  
07:05  
which way so stand fast well everything  
07:08  
that we covered in Chapter 1 how to deal  
07:10  
with external threats of persecution  
07:12  
everything he covered in chapter 2 how  
07:14  
to deal with internal strife everything  
07:17  
he covered in chapter 3 how to deal with  
07:19  
those Judaizers with false doctrine  
07:21  
enemies of the cross of Christ  
07:23  
everything that he taught them of how to  
07:25  
address all of these threats that could

07:27

destroy them in this way stand fast in

07:30

the Lord my dearly beloved verse 2 I am

07:36

baking I beseech yo dia and I beseech

07:41

Cintiq II so he's requesting each one

07:44

specifically this is really interesting

07:46

we we go from a letter that he's

07:48

speaking to everyone where now he is

07:51

targeting specifically to individuals in

07:54

the congregation calling them out by

07:56

name

07:57

and pleading with them is not just IBC

07:59

geo dia and center key it's I beseech yo

08:02

dia and I beseech cinta key that they be

08:07

of the same mind in the Lord the same

08:09

mind that he said so stand fast in the

08:12

Lord that same mind that of the mind of

08:15

Christ who came down from heaven and put

08:19

others ahead of himself who didn't think

08:22

it was robbery to be equal with God but

08:24

instead took on the form of a servant

08:26

and was obedient unto death and not just

08:28

any death with the death of the cross



08:29

that kind of mind that's the mind that

08:33

he wants both of these to have obviously

08:35

there's some sort of vainglory that

08:39

these women are concerned about and he's

08:41

asking them please let it go let it go

08:44

but he doesn't stop there again this is

08:47

a letter to everybody to the whole

08:49

congregation and suddenly here in

08:51

chapter 4 takes a sharp turn and it's

08:53

pinpointing and targeting specific

08:55

individuals so first the idea and sin

08:59

segi and now in verse 3 very interesting

09:02

I entreat you also true yoke fellow who

09:07

is this who is this true fellow servant

09:11

I'm asking you as well

09:14

so I'm asking them but I'm also asking

09:17

you and remember this is the blueprint

09:18

for a healthy congregation so when you

09:21

see people fighting in your congregation

09:24

what do you do you there there's

09:27

brethren that are fighting you know

09:29

maybe they're not fighting physically

09:30  
but they're fighting mentally  
09:33  
emotionally spiritually you've got  
09:35  
brethren who are not speaking to one  
09:37  
another they're disrupting the  
09:38  
congregation  
09:39  
did we just sit idly by and watch or do  
09:43  
we see ourselves striving together  
09:46  
working together working our salvation  
09:49  
out together as a congregation and do we  
09:52  
realize this is unacceptable there's  
09:54  
something that has to be done here and  
09:55  
so what Paul is doing here is he's  
09:59  
calling each individual as I believe  
10:02  
what he's doing here he's calling each  
10:04  
individual in the  
10:04  
congregation to account anything don't  
10:08  
don't sit by and think that this has  
10:11  
nothing to do with you you are working  
10:13  
out your salvation together and here  
10:16  
these two women by the way and we'll see  
10:19  
here these women are prominent women in  
10:21  
the congregation I'm going to say this

10:23

over and over again we cannot oppress

10:25

our women and a lot of men have this

10:28

mistaken view that women must be seen

10:31

but not heard and women aren't must be

10:33

subjugated and only men matter clearly

10:36

here when you read this he says I'm

10:39

intrigued in treating you also through

10:41

fellow-servant help those women which

10:44

labored with me in the gospel they were

10:48

my partners in this labor with Clement

10:51

also and with other my fellow laborers

10:55

whose names are in the book of life so

10:59

these women obviously were prominent

11:01

women in the congregation women of some

11:03

level of leadership and influence and

11:06

now they're in conflict and he's calling

11:09

them out specifically but if we were in

11:12

the congregation he's calling us out

11:14

specifically as well and and this

11:16

actually when you see this I entreat you

11:18

also true yoke fellow it actually puts

11:21

me in mind of a poem which you've

11:23

probably heard but let's let's read it

11:24

in this context where he says everybody

11:28

somebody anybody in nobody a team let's

11:31

say a congregation had four members

11:33

called Everybody Somebody Anybody

11:37

and nobody there was an important job to

11:40

be done that is to end the conflict

11:41

between yo dia and sin Tiki everyone was

11:46

sure that somebody would do it anybody

11:48

could have done it but nobody did it

11:51

somebody got angry about that because it

11:54

was everybody's job everybody thought

11:56

anybody could do it

11:57

nobody realized that's everybody's job

12:00

everybody wouldn't do it it ended up

12:03

that everybody blames somebody when

12:05

nobody did what anybody could have done

12:08

and I think this reality of how human

12:13

beings work is what Paul has in mind

12:15

when he calls out the true yoke fellow

12:19

and I think that that true yoke fellow

12:23

is anyone who is a true servant of God

12:28

in that congregation it's like you know

12:30

in project management when you want and

12:32

when a task has to be done you don't say

12:34

you know who's accountable everybody

12:36

because then nobody's gonna do it you

12:38

have to make one person accountable call

12:41

that person up by name and say you're

12:43

responsible for getting this done you

12:44

may not have to do it but you're

12:46

accountable for getting it done and here

12:49

he's putting the accountability on every

12:51

individual in the congregation don't sit

12:54

idly by while these women mess up and

12:57

then this this term or this phrase at

13:00

the end that these women along with the

13:03

other fellow servants their names are in

13:07

the book of life or in the book of the

13:11

living this is quite scary that he's

13:15

saying help these women why because

13:19

their names are in the book of life what

13:21

what does that mean well let's go to

13:23

Revelation where it shows us that he

13:27

that overcomes the same person that

13:30

overcomes shall be clothed in white

13:33

raiment and Christ says and I will not

13:38

blot out his name out of the book of

13:41

life but I will confess his name before

13:43

my father and before the angels in the

13:48

Greek that I will not blot out his name

13:51

out of the book of life it says here

13:54

okay MA excellent so excel it's all to

13:57

anima of two acctaste the blue tastes OS

14:00

this word excel itself which translates

14:06

wipeout in the Greek what it means is

14:10

that there's something there and you

14:15

completely remove it you completely exit

14:18

out scratch it out wipe it out so that

14:21

when you're done there's no evidence

14:23

that it was

14:24

there that's what ex illipe soul means

14:26

and Christ is saying I personally will

14:30

Excel each soul or or well not in this

14:33

case if you overcome

14:34

I will not excel Eve so your name out of

14:38

the book of life

14:39

I won't take your name out of the book

14:41

of life what that says to us is there's

14:44

going to be a lot of names in the book

14:47

book of life and Christ for those who

14:51

overcome he will not take our names out

14:56

of the book of life which clearly by

14:59

implication that there are going to be

15:01

names in the book of life that Jesus

15:04

Christ Himself will personally take out

15:07

and when he takes them out there'll be

15:09

no evidence that they were ever there I

15:12

mean that is absolutely terrifying

15:19

here in chapter 20 of Revelation the

15:23

book of Revelation he says and whosoever

15:26

was not found written in the book of

15:30

life was cast into the lake of fire and

15:34

they went into non-existence so the book

15:38

of life the book of the living the book

15:40

of the everliving is a book that it's

15:44

the transition between this mortal life

15:47

and eternity and and our names have to

15:51  
be in that book in order to transition  
15:54  
into eternity and it appears very  
15:58  
clearly that those of us who are  
16:00  
baptized and who've repented and who  
16:03  
received the Holy Spirit upon the  
16:06  
reception of the Holy Spirit our names  
16:09  
are written in the book of life but if  
16:11  
we fail to overcome and and it looks to  
16:14  
me like there are two ways we can fail  
16:16  
or maybe three ways

=====Quiz# 1

one is personal  
16:20  
failure we just we do not overcome our  
16:23  
personal character fail of flaws the  
16:28  
second is that we deny Christ before men  
16:33  
as Christ tells us of the kind of  
16:35  
persecution that is going to come on  
16:37  
those who are faithful to him he says if  
16:41  
you confess me before men I will confess  
16:44  
you before the Angels and and also he  
16:49  
says in Revelation 3 and my father  
16:51  
so he'll confess if we deny him before  
16:54  
men he says he'll deny us so we must be



16:58

faithful no matter what and the third is

17:01

what yo dia and Sint iki are involved in

17:05

and that is traumatizing

17:09

the people of God that anyone who

17:12

touches God's people must answer to God

17:16

personally and so here in Matthew 18 he

17:20

says but whoso shall offend one of these

17:23

little ones which believe in me so any

17:26

believer it were better for him that a

17:30

millstone were hanged about his neck and

17:32

that he were drowned in the depth of the

17:35

sea

17:36

I think brethren that we take conflict

17:39

in the church far too lightly I think we

17:43

take our you take each other for granted

17:45

and we need to get to a place where we

17:49

realize that God loves Christ Christ

17:55

loves the church and as the father loves

17:58

Christ that's how Christ instructed us

18:02

to love each other

18:03

so we are the Bride of Christ we are the

18:07

body of Christ and we cannot develop the

18:10

the the man doesn't hate his own body

18:13

and and I think we think we can get away

18:16

with hating each other which which the

18:18

scripture refers to as murder and think

18:20

that Wilf will still be in the kingdom

18:22

when the scripture makes it very clear

18:24

he that does not love his brother is a

18:27

liar and the only way we know that we've

18:30

passed from death into life is that we

18:32

love the Brethren and so these are the

18:34

three things moral fatal failure to

18:37

overcome personal flaws deny if denying

18:42

the faith and

18:45

persecuting traumatizing the body of

18:48

Christ and that's why Paul says to the

18:50

Philippians work out your salvation

18:52

together work it out together with fear

18:56

and trembling with phobia and trauma

19:00

like you're dealing with the people of

19:03

God so you need to be very very careful

19:05

here and so here he's telling yo dia and

19:08

Sint icky to get over it whatever it is

19:11

get over it put on the mind of Christ

19:13

and it won't be a problem

19:15

and everyone else who's standing by and

19:18

watching this don't watch as these two

19:21

women who have labored with Paul who

19:24

have done a lot of good for the church

19:26

and for the work of God don't stand by

19:29

and watch why they just while they

19:31

destroy themselves while they say they

19:32

love God but they hate their brother

19:34

intervene intervene and don't allow them

19:37

to have their names scratched out of the

19:42

book of life so that it appears as if it

19:44

was never there continuing then he so

19:49

that that's not he moves on so that was

19:51

really the personal application of what

19:55

he was talking about conceptually in

19:57

Chapter 2 which was the biggest risk

19:59

that the congregation faced and that was

20:02

internal strife and division and then he

20:04

says rejoice in the Lord always and

20:07

again I say rejoice in this I haven't

20:10

done the the count of it

20:12

but if you analyze this letter to

20:14

Philippians there are two things that

20:16

really jump out one is how much joy is a

20:20

part of this letter you need over and

20:22

over and over again Paul is saying

20:24

rejoice have joy in the Lord and he has

20:27

joy and joy joy joy so constantly

20:30

repeatedly he says rejoice in the Lord

20:33

and then the other thing is Christ how

20:35

much Christ is repeated in this letter

20:39

so joy and Christ's joy in Christ and I

20:42

think anybody who wants to say that

20:44

Christ is not the center of the gospel

20:46

you have to read Philippians and I think

20:49

you'll have a wreath

20:50

that God is doing all he can to bring

20:53

everybody to Christ and then when

20:55

everybody is has come to Christ Christ

20:57

turns us all over to the Father and so

21:00

this is all about joy in Christ let your

21:04

moderation be known unto all man the

21:07

Lord is at hand be careful for nothing

21:10

but in everything by prayer and

21:12

supplication with Thanksgiving let your

21:14

requests be known unto God and the peace

21:16

of God which passes all understanding

21:19

shall keep your hearts and minds through

21:22

Christ Jesus very interesting here verse

21:25

5 moderation one of the fruits of the

21:27

spirit self-control verse 6 faithfulness

21:31

one of the fruits of the spirit verse 7

21:34

peace one of the fruits of the spirit in

21:36

fact verse four joy one of the fruits of

21:39

the spirit so here as we allow the Holy

21:42

Spirit to work through us we see the

21:45

fruits of the spirit emanating from us

21:48

there is joy there's self-control

21:50

especially as we realize the Lord is at

21:52

hand

21:52

and then we're careful for nothing so

21:54

again there is this persecution that's

21:58

on the church anything don't worry about

22:01

it don't don't worry about it in

22:03  
everything by prayer and supplication so  
22:07  
so gula in in John 15 Christ says I am  
22:11  
The True Vine and my father is the  
22:13  
husbandman and he wants it it's his will  
22:15  
that we bear fruit much fruit and as we  
22:18  
bear fruit he will prune us so that we  
22:20  
bear even more fruit and then he says in  
22:23  
that chapter ask what you will and you  
22:25  
will receive because it's his father's  
22:28  
will our father's will that we bear  
22:30  
fruit so here he's saying don't don't  
22:33  
worry God is with you and Christ Himself  
22:35  
said I'll be with you till the end of  
22:37  
the age so with that knowledge as we're  
22:40  
facing these different challenges we  
22:42  
just go to God and we asked me to help  
22:44  
he says anything that you need ask and  
22:46  
you'll receive as long as it's within  
22:48  
God's  
22:49  
and God's will is that we bear fruit we  
22:52  
despite whatever persecution we may face  
22:54  
so we asked with prayer and supplication

22:57

with Thanksgiving so we acknowledge the

23:01

blessings that we do have we're there

23:03

the cup is half full not half empty and

23:05

so we're constantly acknowledging how

23:07

God is working in our lives and what we

23:09

do have and what we are grateful for and

23:11

we have joy it with what we have

23:14

while we're asking that he opens the

23:16

doors that we need in order to do this

23:18

work and preach the gospel and bear

23:20

fruit and that that fruit that we bear

23:22

shall remain so we shall have converts

23:25

all over the world and those converts

23:27

will in fact make it into the kingdom

23:29

that's the fruit that we must bear and

23:32

as we do this and realize that we're

23:33

operating in the will of God the peace

23:36

of God which passes all understanding

23:38

shall keep our hearts and minds through

23:42

Christ Jesus and Paul is modeling this

23:45

he's in Rome on trial maybe he's going

23:49

to be persecuted he's not quite sure are

23:51

not persecuted executed he's not quite

23:53

sure and yet he has this great peace and

23:56

there's great joy why because he's doing

23:59

this he's asking for what he needs

24:02

in fact he also said he was quite

24:03

confident that because of the because of

24:06

the fruit of his labor that he felt that

24:08

he would be released and he would be

24:09

able to return to Phillipi because he

24:12

knew that he was useful to God and he

24:13

was bearing good fruit so we must follow

24:16

this same example finally brethren and

24:20

so now he's sort of concluding and this

24:22

this is the bit from verse 27 of chapter

24:26

1 right through to verse 9 of chapter 4

24:30

all of that is sort of one profound

24:32

thought that that has to do with

24:35

ensuring that their behavior matches the

24:39

gospel of Christ and so now he's come

24:42

finally coming to a conclusion of that

24:44

verse in verse 27 and that's why I was

24:46

saying earlier I think was



24:47  
in Episode one that I said we've got to  
24:50  
be careful of scriptural amnesia where  
24:53  
we read a scripture and then we forget  
24:55  
what it says as we go on to the next  
24:57  
verse and and and we've got to keep the  
24:59  
Scriptures in context especially when  
25:01  
we're reading letters from the Apostle  
25:03  
Paul he can go for a very long time  
25:05  
where he has one train of thought but  
25:09  
because of these different chapter  
25:10  
breaks and burst breaks we think that  
25:13  
he's on to another thought and so from  
25:14  
verse 27 of chapter one right through to  
25:16  
verse 9 of chapter four he's dealing  
25:19  
with one train of thought so now he's  
25:21  
concluding it finally brethren  
25:23  
whatsoever things are true whatsoever  
25:26  
things are honest whatsoever things are  
25:29  
just whatsoever things are pure  
25:31  
whatsoever things are lovely whatsoever  
25:34  
things are of good report if there be  
25:37  
any virtue and if there be any praise

25:39

think on these things and really what

25:44

he's saying here again it's in the

25:45

context going back to chip verse 28 of

25:47

chapter 1 it's in the context of this

25:51

persecution that is on the church and it

25:53

could be a very depressing time if you

25:56

were to look at the persecution for what

25:57

it is

25:59

rather than looking at it for what it is

26:02

enabling and it's enabling them to come

26:05

together in unity it's enabling them to

26:07

bear fruit and so what Paul is really

26:09

telling them here is think of the big

26:11

picture think of the gospel think of the

26:14

good news of Jesus Christ and as you

26:17

meditate on that good news and the

26:20

ultimate outcome of all of this it puts

26:23

everything into context and this is

26:25

where that that peace of God just it

26:27

just didn't braces us and just enables

26:30

us to face anything calmly and

26:33

faithfully so think of the big picture

26:35

really meditate on the gospel of Christ

26:38

it's not saying just again just randomly

26:40

oh just think of good things you know

26:43

don't don't try to think of anything

26:44

that that's bad but we have to think

26:46

about the things that are bad but we

26:48

have to put them in the context of

26:49

Christ being the king

26:52

and the kingdom coming and ultimate the

26:54

ultimate good news of the kingdom of God

26:57

those things so think on these things

27:00

and then those things which you have

27:03

both learned and received and heard and

27:07

seen in me do again this goes back to

27:11

verse 27 of chapter 1 that your conduct

27:15

must match the gospel of the kingdom so

27:18

in verse 8 think of the good news think

27:21

of the gospel and then in verse 9 do it

27:24

and you actually have a model Paul is

27:27

saying and you've learned from me and

27:29

you've actually seen me do this follow

27:32

my example and in this way you can

27:35

fulfill my instruction to ensure that

27:38

your behavior is becoming of the gospel

27:41

of Christ and the God of peace shall be

27:45

with you this is just so encouraging and

27:47

so finally now we conclude the

27:50

instruction from Paul to the Philippians

27:52

the the blueprint on how to build this

27:56

model congregation and work together to

27:59

strive together to work out their

28:02

salvation now he switches topic and now

28:07

that introduces a new topic which is

28:09

sort of really the reason for the for

28:12

writing in the first place so the reason

28:14

for writing was they had the the the

28:17

congregation that sent him a care

28:19

package and it was just filled with

28:21

everything that he needed and he was

28:23

writing to say thank you and so now he

28:25

finally gets around to saying thank you

28:27

but but not before giving them this

28:30

wonderful instruction which we can

28:31

really benefit from right through to

28:33

verse 9 of chapter 4 so now he comes

28:36

back to the the it comes to the reason

28:38

for the letter but I rejoiced and again

28:40

that word joy is just so much joy here

28:42

from the Apostle and an instruction for

28:44

them to have joy

28:45

well I rejoiced in the Lord greatly I

28:48

reach out I was really happy to receive

28:51

this care package from you and I

28:53

rejoiced in the Lord the this this

28:56

physical package that I received from

28:58

you had huge spiritual implications and

29:03

spiritual meaning and I rejoiced in the

29:06

Lord when I received this package that

29:09

now at the last your care of me has

29:13

flourished again so the Philippians were

29:15

always careful and caring for Paul and

29:18

really showing him that care but then it

29:21

stopped for a while and they weren't

29:23

able to show the care and now the care

29:26

returned and so and and and it's

29:28

flourished it's not just like grudgingly

29:31  
it flourished for them we're in you were  
29:34  
also careful what you lacked opportunity  
29:37  
so there was this period where you  
29:39  
couldn't care for me and you were you  
29:42  
were still very caring in that period  
29:44  
you just weren't able to get your you  
29:46  
express your care to me now that period  
29:50  
when you weren't able to care for me he  
29:52  
says in verse 11 not that I speak in  
29:55  
respect of want don't get me wrong  
29:57  
don't give me head I don't want to make  
29:58  
you feel guilty that you weren't able to  
30:01  
care for me you know I'm just saying  
30:04  
that there was a period where I didn't  
30:06  
receive any care from you now during  
30:08  
that period when I didn't receive any  
30:10  
care from you  
30:11  
I'm not making any point here about the  
30:14  
fact that I was in kiddin want or need  
30:16  
why it wasn't an issue why because I've  
30:20  
learned in whatsoever state I'm in in  
30:24  
that state to be content I have figured

30:27

this out I I'm telling you that when

30:30

you're in the Lord and you think on

30:32

whatever things are true and lovely if

30:34

there's any virtue when you think like

30:36

this and you think of the ultimate good

30:38

news then whatever state you're in

30:40

you learn to be content because you just

30:43

understand you're in God's will and this

30:45

is this is where this is the the season

30:47

that you're in right now and it's okay

30:49

so so there was a period where you

30:51

couldn't care

30:52

me and I don't I'm not calling attention

30:55

to the fact that I was in need because I

30:56

wasn't why because I've learned to be in

30:59

contempt in whatever state I'm in I

31:01

figured out how to be abased Wow

31:07

and I've also figured out how to abound

31:11

so some people can't do either some

31:14

people if they don't have anything they

31:15

just moan and complain and they just so

31:18

negative and just horror it's terrible

31:21  
but worse some people who do allowed who  
31:25  
have lots they're horrible as well they  
31:29  
become arrogant and puffed up and and  
31:31  
and they lack care and concern for  
31:33  
others and often this is the the curse  
31:37  
of the Christian that when Christians  
31:39  
are blessed  
31:40  
they forget God and they don't pray as  
31:42  
much they don't study as much and the  
31:43  
thing they don't need God so sometimes  
31:45  
it's actually better to be abased  
31:46  
than to abound and Paul the same in  
31:49  
either case whether I'm humiliated and I  
31:52  
have nothing or whether I'm honored and  
31:55  
I have everything I need I have figured  
31:57  
out how to keep my Christian head on my  
32:02  
shoulders how to keep my spiritual wits about me

=====Quiz# 2

everywhere and in all things I  
32:10  
am instructed both to be full and to be  
32:14  
hungry it's fine either way both to  
32:18  
abound and to suffer need so that period  
32:22  
when you couldn't care for me and I had



32:23

nothing I figured it out

32:25

and I still had joy I hadn't I had no

32:27

physical things but I had the joy in the

32:30

Lord and now I've received this package

32:32

from you and I've got everything I need

32:34

and I've still figured out how to

32:37

conduct myself in such a way that I

32:40

don't shipwrecked myself and then he

32:42

says here in verse 13

32:43

I can do all things through Christ which

32:48

strengthens me this is such a beautiful

32:51

scripture I think anybody who knows the

32:53

Bible knows this scripture and we get a

32:56

lot of inspiration from it in fact I

32:58

think this is a to take a little moment

33:01

to get some inspiration from this

33:03

scripture let's take a look at this

33:50

so I hope you found that inspiring I

33:53

certainly did when I saw it this young

33:55

man Stephen Curry in the NBA I think a

33:58

couple of years ago he was the most

34:00

valuable player and just really hard

34:03  
worker clearly a Christian and was  
34:06  
inspired by this text he can do all  
34:08  
things through christ with strengthens  
34:10  
me and then certainly one of the high  
34:11  
scorers in the NBA now is that what this  
34:16  
scripture is talking about i think this  
34:19  
is one of the most abused scriptures  
34:21  
that we can do anything through Christ  
34:24  
that strengthens me and you get a lot of  
34:25  
inspiration from this and that's not at  
34:28  
all what Paul was saying and I think  
34:31  
what again we have to be careful of  
34:32  
scriptural amnesia  
34:34  
where we just take a verse of it you  
34:35  
know these dualities chopping up these  
34:37  
letters into chapters and verses is what  
34:41  
enables us to just scoop in and scoop  
34:43  
out just go in and grab a little  
34:44  
scripture and run away with it  
34:46  
if we didn't have this weed after  
34:48  
actually we would actually have to stop  
34:50  
and read the whole passage to see what

34:53

it's actually talking about and then

34:55

again if we look here at the context and

34:58

what we show actually go back to verse

34:59

10 we can pick up the context in verse

35:01

12 where he says I know both how to be

35:04

abased and I know how to abound

35:07

everywhere notice this and in all things

35:13

in all things I'm instructed both to be

35:19

full and to be hungry both to abound and

35:22

to suffer need I can do all things the

35:25

same all things through Christ with

35:28

strengthens me in other words everywhere

35:31

and in all circumstances I'm instructed

35:35

how to manage myself financially

35:38

and in verse 13 in all financial

35:42

situations I will be successful through

35:45

Christ that strengthens me so verse 13

35:48

is not about taking tall leaps and

35:50

making three-pointers and verse 13 is

35:54

not about you know being able to run a

35:56

hundred meters in under 10 seconds and

36:00

verse 13 is not about anything that we

36:02  
think it's about unless we take it in  
36:04  
the context of verse 12 verse 13 is  
36:08  
about financial responsibility but if I  
36:11  
have a little bit I can get I can cut  
36:14  
back my expenses and I can figure out  
36:16  
how to manage with that and I have if I  
36:19  
have a lot I don't let that go to my  
36:21  
head I know how to manage that as well  
36:23  
so in in all circumstances I can manage  
36:27  
how through by keeping my spiritual head  
36:31  
on my shoulders through Christ which  
36:34  
strengthens me so this is what he's  
36:36  
telling them I didn't suffer Nate when  
36:39  
you couldn't care for me  
36:40  
I didn't suffer need because I learned  
36:42  
how to do how to do all things how to  
36:46  
manage in all circumstances through  
36:48  
Christ who strengthens me now not  
36:52  
withstanding so even though I I suffered  
36:55  
me and I knew how to manage through that  
36:57  
notwithstanding you've done well well  
37:01  
done congratulations this is why I

37:03

rejoiced in the Lord when I received

37:06

your care package you've done well that

37:09

you did communicate or you did

37:11

participate with my affliction

37:13

so you heard of my affliction you knew

37:15

that I was in poverty and you

37:17

participated you helped well done

37:20

now you Philippians know also that in

37:23

the beginning of the gospel when I

37:26

departed from Macedonia so he Macedonia

37:29

was the first place he went to outside

37:31

of Judea and that's where his uh

37:34

ministry to the Gentiles really began

37:36

and from there he then launched into the

37:39

Gentile world and he's saying you got

37:41

you you know the flu all of you know

37:43

that when I departed from Macedonia

37:45

Macedonia no church no congregation

37:49

participated with me as concerning

37:51

giving and receiving except you Wow

37:54

so the Philippians got it and they

37:58

participated in this work of preaching

38:00

the gospel Noah as he was starting up

38:03

all these other churches they basically

38:05

were taken from him but they weren't

38:07

helping but the Philippians they were

38:10

helping him reach all of these different

38:12

nations or our cities for even in

38:15

Thessalonica Thessalonica you sent once

38:18

and again unto my necessity so even when

38:22

he was in Thessalonica they were

38:24

supporting him and sending him care

38:25

packages and making sure that he had

38:27

what he needed so that he could preach

38:29

the gospel quite amazing this

38:32

congregation and he says not because I

38:35

desire a gift so you've done really well

38:36

and I congratulate you for supporting me

38:39

and I rejoiced in the Lord when I

38:41

received your care package

38:42

not because I desire a gift from you

38:45

it's not like oh great you thought of me

38:47

thanks for the gift I appreciate the

38:48

money or or whatever support you've

38:50

given to me that's not why but I desire

38:54

fruit that may abound to your account

38:57

you are my joy and my crown when I stand

39:01

before Christ I want to present you to

39:04

Christ as a chaste virgin without spot

39:08

and without wrinkle and having borne

39:10

fruit and so for you to participate in

39:13

this work with me then you are bearing

39:17

fruit the same fruit that I bear is to

39:19

your account so that I desire fruit that

39:22

may abound to your account

39:24

but for me I have all and I abound so

39:28

thank you so much you everything that

39:30

you've sent everything that I need and

39:32

III now if I was in a state of a

39:34

basement I was in a state of penury and

39:37

poverty now I have everything I'm full

39:40

thanks so much having received of a

39:43

preferred it is the things which were

39:45

sent from you

39:46

fantastic an odour of sweet smell a

39:50

sacrifice acceptable well pleasing to

39:54

God so he now lightens this care package

39:56

to incense and to a sacrifice to God so

40:02

it's the he's seeing everything he's

40:04

seeing through spiritual eyes and this

40:06

is how he manages to abate to be abased

40:08

and to abound that he looks at

40:11

everything through spiritual eyes and

40:12

and what he sees when he receives this

40:15

care package is not so much of things

40:17

that are in the package but the people

40:19

and the hearts and the minds of the

40:21

people behind it and the rewards of

40:24

those people that are participating with

40:26

him in preaching the gospel but my God

40:30

shall supply all your need according to

40:34

his riches in glory by Jesus Christ so

40:38

here and again this is another scripture

40:40

that can be abused where you'll have

40:43

false ministers basically saying if you

40:46

give money to me God will give money to

40:48

you so you've got a kind of a soul so

40:50

your riches so for every every hundred



40:53  
dollars you give me God will give you a  
40:55  
thousand dollars and there's a lot of  
40:56  
churches that are becoming mega churches  
40:59  
and becoming mega rich by abusing this  
41:02  
scripture and Paul doesn't say that what  
41:05  
he says is when you are participating  
41:08  
with me in preaching the gospel then you  
41:12  
are in the Father's will and it's the  
41:15  
Father's will again going back to John  
41:17  
15 it's the Father's will that you bear  
41:20  
much fruit so ask and you shall receive  
41:23  
so once you're participating in this  
41:26  
this path of preaching the gospel and  
41:29  
bearing fruit for the  
41:31  
No then God's going to supply your need  
41:34  
and he knows what you need he knows what  
41:38  
I need in some cases like Paul it might  
41:42  
be a basement so Paul needed to be  
41:45  
abased for a period of time and he  
41:47  
learned in that a basement so in the  
41:50  
same way the Philippians who are helping  
41:52  
him they may come to a season where

41:55

economically they're impoverished and

41:57

God knows that they need that so this is

42:01

not a guarantee of financial wealth it

42:04

is a guarantee however of the Father and

42:07

Jesus Christ supporting those who are

42:11

operating in their will and preaching

42:14

the gospel and bearing the fruit of the

42:16

gospel so that we can be we can have

42:19

this peace that whatever we face we know

42:22

the hairs on our head are numbered and

42:24

God is looking after us and I think some

42:27

of you may actually be wondering how you

42:30

can support us if you are appreciating

42:33

the work that we're doing here I'll just

42:34

take a moment to say that you know if

42:38

you do want to support us in this work

42:40

we would gladly receive that support

42:44

there's a lot of work to be done and few

42:46

resources and few people and we do not

42:48

have a full-time ministry like a lot of

42:51

other churches the majority of our

42:53

ministers are all volunteers so whatever

42:55  
money we receive it goes into preaching  
42:58  
the gospel and doing this work so Church  
43:01  
of God International Canada appeal box  
43:03  
three two zero zero nine RPO Northland  
43:06  
London Ontario and five b5k four or you  
43:11  
can just go online to CGI Canada org  
43:13  
slash donations so we would certainly  
43:16  
appreciate any support that you can give  
43:21  
us as we preach the gospel of Jesus  
43:23  
Christ going on now as we conclude the  
43:29  
letter  
43:30  
he says now unto God our Father be glory  
43:36  
for ever and ever for unto God and our  
43:40  
Father be glory for ever and ever amen  
43:45  
salute every saint in Christ Jesus the  
43:48  
brethren which are with me greet you and  
43:52  
again Paul is under house arrest in Rome  
43:55  
and there are brethren that are there  
43:57  
with him and he sends their love and  
43:59  
greetings to the Brethren there in  
44:01  
Philippi all the saints salute you  
44:05  
chiefly they that are of Caesars

44:08  
household and again Paul understands  
44:11  
that it's God's will for him to bear  
44:14  
fruit and so he's arrested he's there in  
44:18  
Rome he's right in Caesars household and  
44:21  
he's preaching the gospel and people are  
44:25  
seeing that he is truly committed and  
44:28  
Paul is seeing that oh this is an  
44:30  
opportunity for me to take the gospel to  
44:33  
Caesars household and he actually wins  
44:35  
converts from the Roman guard and so he  
44:39  
we now have brethren or email they have  
44:41  
brethren there right in Caesars  
44:43  
household and they sent their greetings  
44:45  
to the Brethren in Philippi the grace of  
44:48  
our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all  
44:51  
amen  
44:52  
so such a beautiful letter and you know  
44:56  
what I would encourage you now that  
44:59  
we've gone through these verses together  
45:02  
is to go back and read the letter in one  
45:04  
sitting just sit down and read the  
45:06  
letter in one sitting

45:07  
understanding how all the verses tied  
45:09  
together and again you know from from  
45:12  
Chapter one how Paul is so confident  
45:16  
that the Philippians are gonna figure it  
45:18  
out he's praying for them he's seeing  
45:20  
signs of progress and he thought the  
45:24  
care package that he received from them  
45:26  
he sees the spiritual intent and the  
45:29  
character behind back the heart behind  
45:31  
it and he's praying for them and he's  
45:33  
saying always in every prayer of mine  
45:36  
for you all making requests with joy  
45:39  
this congregation was a source of joy  
45:41  
most of the congregations that the  
45:44  
Apostle looked after they were a source  
45:47  
of grief for the Apostle but this  
45:50  
congregation was a source of joy for  
45:52  
your fellowship your partnership in the  
45:55  
gospel from the first day until now  
45:57  
that's what he's talking about these  
45:59  
care packages that they were see that he  
46:01  
was receiving from them he wasn't

46:03  
receiving this from any other  
46:04  
congregation but he was receiving it  
46:06  
from from the Philippians and they were  
46:08  
constant there was a period of time with  
46:09  
it for some reason they couldn't get to  
46:11  
him but they finally sent through a  
46:13  
preferred itis and they were able to get  
46:15  
there resumed their care for him and he  
46:17  
just sees like wow they really  
46:19  
understand they really get it they're  
46:21  
really behind him and so he's confident  
46:24  
of this very thing that he which has  
46:28  
begun a good work in you you plural the  
46:31  
congregation will perform it until the  
46:34  
day of Jesus Christ and I think brethren  
46:37  
this really is the blueprint for a model  
46:41  
congregation that we do not think  
46:44  
individualistically which is very hard  
46:46  
for us in North America especially  
46:47  
coming out of the 60s and the 70s where  
46:50  
it was all about me me me and you know  
46:52  
if it feels good do it and it's just a

46:54  
real individualist individualism ethic  
46:58  
in our society and it's hard for us  
47:01  
actually to think congregationally  
47:03  
collectively and and you see that when  
47:06  
brethren are in a congregation and  
47:08  
something upsets them and they just get  
47:10  
up and walk out instead of working it  
47:13  
out with fear and trembling  
47:14  
and seeing your identity as part of a  
47:18  
larger body and really loving that body  
47:21  
and learning how to love each other  
47:24  
that's that's really a big part of what  
47:26  
we're involved in here and as we do that  
47:29  
the Apostle is just again Philippians is  
47:32  
all about joy rejoice and again I say  
47:35  
rejoice and have this joy in Christ and  
47:38  
Paul has this joy over the congregation  
47:39  
and I think when we really understand  
47:42  
the gospel of the kingdom of God we  
47:45  
can't help but be filled with joy and we  
47:49  
really understand Christ and his central  
47:52  
role in the gospel and and his love for

47:54

us again we can't help but be overjoyed

47:58

so I certainly hope that you have

48:01

enjoyed this study on the book of

48:04

Philippians and again I will leave you

48:06

with where we began with Paul began that

48:10

let your conduct be as it becomes the

48:14

gospel of Christ and I don't know if

48:16

I'll get to visit you and your

48:17

congregation but whether I come and see

48:19

you or I'm absent that I may hear of

48:22

your affairs that you stand fast in one

48:25

spirit with one mind striving together

48:28

for the faith of the gospel what a

48:32

wonderful letter I leave you with these

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parting words and I'm looking forward

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next week we're going to start another

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book and I'm not going to say right now

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I just want to make sure that this is

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the book but I think you're gonna be

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really really fascinated especially

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today with what we're facing in society

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our civilization collapsing around us



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I'm gonna pick a book that is going to

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strengthen you inspire you and educate

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and inform you as to how to navigate in

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in a world that is just it's it's doing

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the 180 it's collapsing around us but we

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need not fear and if anything we should

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rejoice because the Lord is at hand

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god bless you I look forward to seeing

49:13

you again next week

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