

Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Proverbs 18:24 / Luke 7:33-34

“One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother... For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’”

Joy

in the

Journey

Paul's letter to the
Philippians





Church Survey

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Ambient Hymns

Instrumental Music for Quiet Spaces



Matt McNair

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
For the Beauty of the Earth
This is My Father's World
Have Thine Own Way
He Leadeth Me



YouTube

Philippians Overview

Theme: *“The Joy of Lord”*

Outline by Warren Wiersbe:

CH. 1 The Single Mind

- 1/4 *“The Increase of Joy”* (Phil. 1:1-11)
- 1/11 *“The Power of Joy”* (Phil. 1:12-26)
- 1/18 *“The Community of Joy”* (Phil. 1:27-30)
- 2/1 *“Philippians 1 Overview”* (Snow Zoom)

Philippians Overview

CH. 2 The Submissive Mind

- 2/8 *“The Humiliation of Joy”* (Phil. 2:1-11)
- 2/15 *“The Fulfillment of Joy”* (Phil. 2:12-18)
- TODAY *“The Friendship of Joy”* (Phil. 2:19-30)

CH. 3 The Spiritual Mind

CH. 4 The Secure Mind

Philippians 2:19-30

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. 20 I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. 21 For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. 22 But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. 23 I hope, therefore, to send him

as soon as I see how things go with me. 24 And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon. 25 But I think it is necessary to send back to you **Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier**, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. 26 For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. 27 Indeed he was ill, and almost died.

But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. 28 Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. 29 So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, 30 because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

Friendship

1. What is the definition of “friendship?”
2. What are 10 characteristics of a good friend?
3. Can you think of a time when a friend sacrificed for your good?

Friendship (def):

What is the definition of “friendship?”

A: one attached to another by affection or esteem

10 characteristics of a good friend?

1. Loyal / Trustworthy
2. Honest / Truthful
3. Supportive / Encouraging
4. Accepting / Non-Judgmental
5. Listen / Interested in you
6. Assume the Best / Forgiving
7. Caring / Empathetic
8. Reliable / Consistent
9. Considerate / Respectful
10. Authentic / Comfortable
11. Humor / Fun

Friendship Story

Can you think of a time when a friend sacrificed for your good?

Paul's Friends

- Barnabas
- John Mark
- Silas
- Luke
- Timothy (son)
- Titus
- Epaphroditus (brother)
- Priscilla & Aquila
- Tychicus
- Trophimus
- Demas

Friendship of Joy

- Friends fuel joy.
- The enemy seeks to isolate.
- Friends enter into suffering.

*“Friends bring hope from despair,
joy from sadness, and encouragement
when our spirit is downcast.”*

Friendship of Jesus

The key to every deep and meaningful friendship is that it be rooted in friendship with Jesus.

*As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you...
Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's
life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends
if you do what I command.*

*I no longer call you servants, because a servant
does not know his master's business. Instead, I have
called you friends, for everything that I learned
from my Father I have made known to you.
You did not choose me, but I chose you.”*

– Jesus (John 15:9a, 13-16)

The Blessing

Go now in peace

*And as you go, remember that it's by the goodness of God
you were born.*

*And it's in the mercy of Jesus Christ
that you have been redeemed.*

*Remember that He walks with you every day
to comfort, to strengthen, to guide.*

*He promised He would,
"Lo I am with you always."*

*And remember that while others have called you servant,
He has named you friend.
In the strength of that mighty friendship,
go forth now in peace to serve
in the Master's name
Until we meet again. Amen.*

from Dr. W. Frank Harrington