

**“The Interests of Christ”**

**PHILIPPIANS**  
JOY NO MATTER WHAT

**Philippians 2:16-30 (ESV)**

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**16** holding fast to the word of life,  
so that in the day of Christ I may  
be proud that I did not run in vain  
or labor in vain.

**17** Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

**18** Likewise you also should  
be glad and rejoice with me.

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

**20** For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare.

**21** For they all seek their own interests,  
not those of Jesus Christ.

**22** But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel.



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

**Phil. 2:25** 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,

**26** for he has been longing for you all  
and has been distressed because  
you heard that he was ill.

**27** 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.

**28** I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious.

**29** So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men,

**30** for he nearly died for the work of Christ,  
risking his life to complete what was  
lacking in your service to me.

A photograph of a prison cell interior. A barred window is centered at the top, with a bright beam of light shining through it, creating a lens flare effect across the scene. The walls are a dull, textured brown. The text is overlaid in the center.

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