

*“Rejoice Always!
I Mean It...”*

PHILIPPIANS
JOY NO MATTER WHAT

Philippians 2:25-3:11 (ESV)

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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.

Phil. 3:1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

Phil. 3:2 Look out for the dogs,
look out for the evildoers, look out
for those who mutilate the flesh.

3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; **6** as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

11 that by any means possible I may
attain the resurrection from the dead.

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. The walls are a dull, textured brown. The text "PHILIPPIANS" is written in large, dark, serif capital letters across the middle. Below it, the phrase "JOY NO MATTER WHAT" is written in smaller, dark, serif capital letters.

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