





Paul Encourages the Philippians

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Lesson Focus

Paul was imprisoned in Rome because of false allegations, yet his letter to the Philippians was filled with joy and thanksgiving. In spite of his circumstances, Paul rejoiced to see the advance of God's kingdom and Christ receiving the honor and glory he is due.

Key Passages

Grades 2–3: Philippians 1:3–6, 1:9–11, 2:2–8, 3:20–21

Grades 4–5: Philippians 1:3–6, 1:9–11, 1:18–21, 2:2–11, 3:1, 3:20–21

What You Heard in the Word

- ▶ Paul's letter to the Philippians was filled with thanksgiving and joy even though he wrote it while imprisoned. He rejoiced because the gospel was being spread and Christ would be honored through his life or death.
- ▶ Paul encouraged believers to love each other and follow the example of Jesus, who humbled himself to come to earth and die for our sins on the cross.
- ▶ Happiness is a feeling that comes and goes, but joy stays because it comes from knowing Jesus and having the promise of heaven.

