

Handout November 22, 2024

Philippians 1:27 --- 2:11

Fulfill My Joy – Be Like-Minded

Okay, here we go! Let's press in!

Quick Recap:

- A. God is Not Done With You.
- B. We are All Chained to Something.
- C. To Live is Christ.
- D. Fulfill My Joy!

Seems easy enough!

Paul, in this letter, again, has two main themes: **Joy** and **Like-Minded**.

Paul, a prisoner, writes all about the joy of knowing his trials are leading to the real tangible spread of the Word. His incarceration was actually a ministry opportunity.

Philippians 1:27 – 2:11

1. You get to _____ how you _____ about something.

==== There will always be people trying to disrupt our growth. We are not to fear them! ====

Verse 1:29

2. It has been _____ for you to _____.

Alma Lynn and myself were experiencing a heavy night recently. It was so heavy and we were in tears. We discussed how we have entered into the **Suffering of Christ**.

Philippians 2:1-4

3. Fulfill my _____ by being _____.

Here is the intersection of our two main ideas. Paul says if we are LIKE-MINDED, we will fulfill his JOY.

What is that mind? Good question.

It is the **Mind of Christ**.

4. The _____ of _____ is the _____ of God.

Paul says, ***“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition... but... esteem others better than [yourself].”***

The idea here is that we are looking to serve others..... here, again, the progression.

- A. Recognize I am Okay. Don't let my hurts and hangups keep me from doing ministry.
- B. Recognize my past problems and current people are ministry opportunities.
- C. Understand that by serving, my life gets better.
- D. If I think like Jesus, I will be in tune ----- aligned with others in Christ.

Philippians 2:5-11 ⁵ ***Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,*** ⁶ ***who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,*** ⁷ ***but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.*** ⁸ ***And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*** ⁹ ***Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,*** ¹⁰ ***that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,*** ¹¹ ***and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.***

5. Jesus modeled _____!

Obedient to the point of death.

To Live is Christ ---- To Die is Gain!

If you still need others to be something for you, you have not humbled yourself. Jesus humbled Himself to the ***POINT OF DEATH!***

- What prevents you from serving others?
- What prevents you from *dying --- to gain?*

Let's ask God to empower us to serve and to *suffer!*

Let's ask God to make us ***LIKE-MINDED.***

Philippians 2:1-4 ***Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,*** ² ***fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.*** ³ ***Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.*** ⁴ ***Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.***

Let's pray.