



# JOY TRANSCENDENT

## 1: A TRANSCENDENT JOY

## 1. THE S

**Philippians 1:1a**, *Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus...*

**Acts 7:58**, *Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.*

**Acts 8:1a**, *And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem,*

**Acts 9:3-5**, *Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."*

**Acts 13:1-3**, *Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers... While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.*

**Acts 16:9-10**, *And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.*

**Acts 16:14**, *One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.*

**Acts 16:30**, *Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"*

★ **Doulos**: a slave, a person owned by someone else, subservient, dependent

## 2. THE S

**Philippians 1:1b**, *To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:*

- ★ **Hagios**: set apart, holy
- ★ Every believer is a saint: set apart by God and for God
- ★ You become a saint by being "in Christ Jesus"

## 3. THE S

**Philippians 1:2**, *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

- ★ **Grace**: God's free gift of salvation to those who believe
- ★ **Peace**: peace with God that comes from God

**Philippians 1:3-4**, *I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,*

### TO KNOW:

- ★ Like Paul, every believer has an amazing God-ordained story that ought to fill us with transcendent joy regardless of our circumstances!

### TO DO:

- ★ Set aside some time this week to ponder and appreciate your salvation story better. What did God do to draw you to Himself? Who did God use? Take some time to thank God for it. Share your story with someone, or your Grow Group. Rejoice in it!