



CHRIST'S CHURCH

PHILIPPIANS

HEY THERE!

Thank you for being willing to start this journey with us. Having a relationship with God is the most important relationship you will ever have, but the reality is that most people don't treat it like that.

Reading the Bible or doing daily devotions can be a challenging routine to get into; however, I want to encourage you to be intentional with the time that you have. The more consistent you are in setting aside time for God in your day, the more your relationship with him will grow.

In the following pages are 20 devotions. How fast or slow you go through them is up to you. May this resource help you in your desire to mature into a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ.

DAY 1 – PHILIPPIANS 1

- What stands out to you in this chapter?

- What do you think Paul is trying to get the church in Philippi to understand in this chapter?

- How does the gospel of Jesus change the way the believers at Philippi are supposed to live, act, and think?

GOING DEEPER – PHILIPPIANS 1-4

- How does Philippians 1 fit into the larger goal of Philippians?

- How is Paul joining into the story of Jesus and what God wants to do in the world?

DAY 2 – PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

- Why is Paul thankful for the believers at Philippi?

- What is Paul's prayer for the church at Philippi?

- What are the areas of personal growth that Paul is concerned about with the believers in Philippi? How are you growing in these areas?

- What is one thing that you can do today to help you grow in your relationship with God?

DAY 3 – PHILIPPIANS 1:12-26

- What is the gospel message of Jesus Christ?

- How is the gospel being advanced despite Paul's imprisonment?

- How does Paul let God transform his perspective on the circumstances of his life?

- Are you focused on advancing the gospel or on the circumstances of your life? What needs to change?

- What is one thing that you can do today to focus on advancing the gospel message?

DAY 4 – PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30

- How is this section dependent upon the previous section?
- Why is unity so important for the believers at Philippi?
- How does Paul let God transform his perspective on suffering for following the example of Jesus? Why should we see suffering for Jesus as a good thing?
- How does suffering let us join into the story of Jesus?
- What is one thing that you can do today to live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel?

DAY 5 – REFLECTION

- What have you learned about God this week?

- What have you learned about yourself this week?

- What does God want to do in your life?

Today, meditate and memorize Philippians 1:27

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel

DAY 6 – PHILIPPIANS 2

- What stands out to you in this chapter?

- What do you think Paul is trying to get the church in Philippi to understand in this chapter?

- How does the gospel of Jesus change the way the believers at Philippi are supposed to live, act, and think?

GOING DEEPER – PHILIPPIANS 1-4

- How does Philippians 2 fit into the larger goal of Philippians?

- How is Paul joining into the story of Jesus and what God wants to do in the world?

DAY 7 – PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

- What is it that Paul is asking for to make his joy complete?
- Why is it important that Jesus set aside his divine glory to become a human?
- How does the example of Jesus transform the way we live?
- What does it mean that Jesus is Lord?
- What is one thing that you can do today to make Jesus Lord of your life?

DAY 8 – PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

- What does it mean to work out your own salvation? Why is it important to notice Paul says, “work out” rather than “work for”?
- What is your role, the church’s role, and God’s role in your sanctification (the process of becoming more Christ-like)?
- What does sanctification look like? How does that process lead to a change in attitude?
- What does it mean to live as children of God?
- What is one thing that you can do today to become more Christ-like?

DAY 9 – PHILIPPIANS 2:19-30

- In what ways is the church in Philippi supposed to follow the example of Timothy?
- In what ways is the church in Philippi supposed to follow the example of Epaphroditus?
- How is the community of believers supposed to encourage one another to become more Christ-like?
- Who are you being an example to, showing them what it looks like to follow Jesus? Who is your example of what it looks like to follow Jesus?
- What is one thing you can do today to be more intentional about setting an example of what it looks like to submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ?

DAY 10 – REFLECTION

- What have you learned about God this week?

- What have you learned about yourself this week?

- What does God want to do in your life?

Today, meditate and memorize Philippians 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

DAY 11 – PHILIPPIANS 3

- What stands out to you in this chapter?

- What do you think Paul is trying to get the church in Philippi to understand in this chapter?

- How does the gospel of Jesus change the way the believers at Philippi are supposed to live, act, and think?

GOING DEEPER – PHILIPPIANS 1-4

- How does Philippians 3 fit into the larger goal of Philippians?

- How is Paul joining into the story of Jesus and what God wants to do in the world?

DAY 12 – PHILIPPIANS 3:1-11

- What is knowing Jesus worth to you? How is that reflected in your life?

- Are you more confident in your own abilities and achievements or Jesus' abilities and achievements? What have you given up in order to gain Jesus?

- How does Jesus' resurrection transform lives? What does it look like to share in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus in your life?

- What is one thing that you need to do today to imitate Jesus in your life?

DAY 13 – PHILIPPIANS 3:12-17

- How is this passage dependent upon the previous section?
- What is the focus of Paul's life? Is that the focus of your life?
- What does it mean to be mature in your faith?
- Why does faith in Jesus take perseverance?
- What is one thing that you can do today to help you refocus your life on your eternity with Jesus?

DAY 14 – PHILIPPIANS 3:18-21

- How is this passage dependent upon the previous section?
- What is bringing Paul to tears as he writes the book of Philippians?
- What is your view of people who do not know and believe in Jesus? Does it bring you to tears? Arrogant judgment? Indifference?
- What does it mean that our citizenship is found in heaven?
- What is one thing that you can do today to have compassion for those who do not know Jesus?

DAY 16 – PHILIPPIANS 4

- What stands out to you in this chapter?
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- How does the gospel of Jesus change the way the believers at Philippi are supposed to live, act, and think?

GOING DEEPER – PHILIPPIANS 1-4

- How does Philippians 4 fit into the larger goal of Philippians?
- How is Paul joining into the story of Jesus and what God wants to do in the world?

DAY 17 – PHILIPPIANS 4:1-3

- Why are unity and standing firm together as the body of believers so important to Paul? How does disunity threaten the gospel message of Jesus?

- Are you prone to resolving disputes? Why or why not?

- What does that reveal about the condition of your heart?

- What is one thing that you need to work on today to help you focus and bring about unity within the church? Outside of the church?

DAY 18 – PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

- What does it look like to rejoice in the Lord always?

- How does rejoicing in the Lord affect your thoughts and attitude?

- Have you ever experienced the peace of God described in verse 7? How does that help us overcome anxiety?

- What things does Paul want the believers in Philippi to focus their attention on? If you are focused on those things, what are you not giving your attention to?

- What is one thing that you can do today to focus on Jesus?

DAY 19 – PHILIPPIANS 4:10-23

- What is the attitude of the Philippians towards Paul and the work he is doing? How and why does that encourage Paul?

- What is contentment? What mindset does someone have to have in order to be content?

- Is contentment desirable to you? How would you describe your level of contentment in your present life?

- What is one thing that you can do today to help you be more content with the circumstances in your life?

