

Unpack the Preach

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Philippians 4 verses 1-9

Title **Again Rejoice**

Read Philippians 4 verses 1-9, taking time especially with verse 1 then 4-9. As you read what new statements stand out to you try different versions of the bible whilst reading such as The Message, New King James and others if on hand.

Re-cap

This final chapter in Philippians is a call, an appeal to unity, The Apostle Paul has written this letter to encourage the people of Philippi to be united and steadfast in their faith to not be afraid but to rejoice though at times the simple things in life try to take away our joy, Paul then continues with scripture that WILL draw our minds back to the Lord Jesus Christ and a togetherness as a fellowship as our minds are stayed on him.

Verse 1 starts in the NIV with a “Therefore”

Has there been a stand out Therefore moment in your life where such experiences or knowledge has helped you in your walk with God.

Paul uses words such as “Brothers and Sisters”, and then “You” as if to acknowledge the believers as a whole the individually that they are loved, Do you experience that love at a singular level here at Kingswood.

What is the “Crown” that Paul expresses here in verse 1

Verse 2

Highlights those that have differing opinions within the church, have you ever experienced opposition to your views, if so were they discussed and was a resolution reached.

Verse 4

Calls us to Rejoice always, in our modern world there is difficulty in achieving this when fear of many things grab our attention, in your group discuss those fears and difficulties and how scripture and Christ’s perfect love draw us back.

Verse 5

Asks us to show our love as individuals and as a church to those that are searching or far away from God, how does that manifest itself in our lives, how do we show our Gentleness to others when that has been difficult in the past.

Verse 6

looks at anxiety and the difficulty we have of letting that go, have we any mechanisms such as go to scriptures or prayers that help us pull away from despair that will lead to fulfilment in God, discuss.

Verse 7-9

This sees an upward trend and a reason to rejoice and again I say rejoice. Verse eight says Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Our minds and eyes when thinking of such things should never stray away from the thought of trinity in all its loveliness, as we contemplate these things allow a time for prayer and call upon the Holy Spirit to yet again fill to overflowing.

Finally as your study draws to a close, read again verse 9 which calls us to put into practice what we have received or learnt that we may pass on to others.

And Rejoice again in all that I know that you do for God.

Added reading

Enduring word website.