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Finding Joy in Suffering

Finding Joy in Life –Part 3



Philippians 3:1–11 “Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe. ²Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! ³For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh ⁴though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: ⁵circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; ⁶concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless...

Foundational Understanding:

1. Suffering is _____ for God’s People
(Acts 14:22, John 15:20, 1 Peter 4:12)
2. Suffering Draws Us Into a _____ with Christ (Acts 7:55)
3. Three Major Causes of Suffering:
 - (a) My _____
 - (b) Sin in _____
 - (c) Suffering for the _____

Three things to see (Philippians 3:5-11):

1. Paul’s _____ to Suffering (vs 5-6)
(Acts 9:16, Philippians 3:7, 17, Luke 14:33)
2. Paul’s Mindset _____ (vs 8)
3. Paul’s _____ Through Suffering (vs 7, 8, 9, 10a)

...⁷But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”