

Investing In Relationships: The Book Of Philippians
“Investing In Joy” 5 of 8
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Big Idea: To enjoy the people in my life, I need to invest in my relationships.

I Will Invest In Joy By:

1. Rejoicing In The Lord

“Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, **rejoice** in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.”

Philippians 3:1 (NLT2)

I can rejoice because:

- I belong to Jesus. 2:1
- Jesus gave up privileges of heaven to die for my sins & rise again. 2:6-11
- I have grace and peace in Jesus. 1:2
- God is working in me. 1:6
- In Christ, I have God’s favor. 1:7
- Jesus has compassion on me. 1:8
- I am filled with the righteousness of Jesus. 1:11
- People are praying for me. 1:19
- I will get a new resurrected body. 3:21
- The Lord is coming. 4:5
- God will supply all of my needs. 4:8

“Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn’t worship him as God or even give Him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.” **Romans 1:21 (NLT)**

“Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.” **Psalms 96:1-3 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

2. Guarding Against Legalistic Attitudes

“Watch out for those **dogs**, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you **must be circumcised to be saved**. For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. **We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us**. We put no confidence in human effort, **Philippians 3:2-3 (NLT2)**

- Legalism is substituting rules for my relationship with Jesus.

*“Legalism says God will love us if we change.
The gospel says God will change us because He loves us.”*
Tullian Tchividjian – grandson of Billy & Ruth Graham

though I could have **confidence** in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more! I was **circumcised** when I was eight days old. I am a **pure-blooded citizen of Israel** and a member of the tribe of **Benjamin—a real Hebrew** if there ever was one! I was a member of the **Pharisees**, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. I was so **zealous** that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for **righteousness**, I obeyed the law without fault.” **Philippians 3:4-6 (NLT2)**

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of **righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit**, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men.” **Romans 14:17-18 (NIV)**

3. Trusting In The Righteousness Of Jesus

“I once thought these things were **valuable**, but now I consider them **worthless** because of what **Christ has done**. Yes, everything else is **worthless** when **compared** with the infinite value of **knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**. For his sake I have **discarded** everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that **I could gain Christ** and become **one with him**. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, **I become righteous through faith in Christ**. For God’s way of making us right with himself depends on **faith**.

Philippians 3:7-9 (NLT2)

I want to **know Christ** and experience the mighty **power** that raised him from the dead. I want to **suffer** with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will **experience the resurrection** from the dead!” **Philippians 3:10-11 (NLT2)**

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”

Philippians 1:6 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

- How well do I know Jesus?
As an Acquaintance? Casual Friend? Or my Family?

My next right step, I will develop my joy in Jesus by:

- [] Setting a consistent prayer & praise time
- [] Consistently reading my Bible
- [] Connecting with other believers
- [] Accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior
- [] Identifying with Christ with Believer’s Baptism

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Icebreaker for families: What do you find joy in?

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Read Philippians 3:1

How do you like to rejoice in the Lord?

How does rejoicing in the Lord safeguard your faith?

Spend a few minutes in prayer as you rejoice and give thanks to God for these truths. **I can rejoice because:**

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Read Romans 1:21

What is the danger of refusing to worship God or give thanks to Him?

Read Psalm 96:1-3

What are some of your favorite worship songs?

Which song is your absolute favorite and why?

2. Guarding Against Legalistic Attitudes

Read Philippians 3:2-6

Why did Paul call people dogs who said you must be circumcised to be saved?

What do we rely on for our salvation?

Read Philippians 3:4-6

Is it tempting to rely on your accomplishments to “think God favors you?”

Why or why not?

How would your life compare to Paul’s?

Read Romans 14:17-18

What is the kingdom of God about?

3. Trusting In The Righteousness Of Jesus

Read Philippians 3:7-9

What are some of the ways you tried to earn God’s approval before you knew Jesus?

What does this passage teach you?

Read Philippians 3:10-11

How well do I know Jesus? As an Acquaintance? Casual Friend? My Family?

How well do you accept suffering as part of your spiritual journey?

Close in Prayer: **Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.**
