

The Joy of Standing Fast

Philippians 1:21-30

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Joy/FULL Series

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

Believers can experience real joy even in seasons of suffering, keeping in mind four important ideas from Philippians 1:21-30.

REALIZE

1. Make Jesus the focus for now and eternity.

- **Scripture Reference;** Philippians 1:21-24
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What kinds of things might distract a believer from a focus on Jesus?

2. Be encouraged by others in the faith.

- **Scripture Reference;** Philippians 1:25-26
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Is it easier to encourage others or to receive encouragement? What hinders Christians from receiving encouragement?

3. Work with others to advance the good news of Jesus.

- **Scripture Reference;** Philippians 1:27
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What is a practical way that you, working with other believers, can advance the kingdom of Jesus?

4. Face adversity with faith.

- **Scripture Reference;** Philippians 1:28-30
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Do you personally know someone who has faced great adversity with faith?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?