

Series: Joy Unbound
Passage: Philippians 1:1-11
Sunday: September 7, 2025

***This week we will start a new series focused on the letter to the Philippians. We are calling the series “Joy Unbound.” As we will see that Paul is bound up in prison, but his joy is flowing freely because of Jesus.**

Philippians 1:1-11 (ESV)

Greeting

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:
² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

1. For each week of this series, we will start with the same question: where did you experience joy in your walk with Jesus this week?
2. According to the passage, why did the Philippians bring Paul joy?
3. Who is someone in your life that you can say “I thank my God every time I remember you” and why?



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4. Paul speaks of his partnership in the gospel with the Philippians. How are you in partnership for the gospel with Shore Church?

5. In light of verse 6, how easy or hard is it for you to trust God to complete the work he started in your life or others? Why?

6. Paul prays in verse 9 that love would overflow in knowledge and wisdom. How does this idea contrast with more popular ideas of love?

7. What are examples of the fruit of righteousness spoken of in verse 11?

8. Despite being in prison, Paul begins his letter with an overflow of joy. How and why do you experience joy in your Christian life?