

UNSTOPPABLE JOY

In Every Circumstance

I. Introduction

- A. Philippians is all about joy.
1. JOY = Cheerfulness, calm delight

II. We Can Have JOY in Every Circumstance.

- A. When Jesus is our source
1. Philippians 1:1-2 (NIV) *¹Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: ²Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
 2. When Jesus is our obsession, His Joy is our possession.
- B. When our perspective is eternal
1. Philippians 1:12-14 (NIV) *¹²Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.*
 2. "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way." - Viktor Frankl
- C. When life is our death
1. Philippians 1:20-22 (NIV) *²⁰I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²²If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!*
 2. In life, we live for Christ and in death, we live with Christ.
- D. When people are our purpose
1. Philippians 2:3-4, 14 (NIV) *³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others... ¹⁴Do everything without grumbling or arguing....*
 2. Matthew 20:25-28 (NIV) *²⁵Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸just as*

the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

III. Conclusion