

**The First Part in the Series:  
“The Choice to Rejoice!”  
Enjoying the People in Your Life (Philippians 1:3–11)**

- REMEMBER THE \_\_\_\_\_ AND FORGET THE \_\_\_\_\_

*“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:1–6)*

*“The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully.” (Acts 16:22–23)*

*“Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose.” (Acts 16:26)*

- RELATE WITH YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ NOT WITH YOUR \_\_\_\_\_

*“It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the **affection** [splingknois] of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:7–8)*

*“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.” (Phil. 1:9-11)*

**For next week:** Read Philippians 1:12–26 and answer these questions:

1. Why is “the advancement of the Gospel” (Philippians 1:12) Paul’s one great desire? Is it yours?
2. What four ideas in these verses teach you about joy?
3. Why might Philippians 1:21 be the key verse of this entire letter?