

Sunday, March 20, 2022

## JOY in Context

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### The Prequel

Please turn to Acts 16:6, pg. 925 in the Pew Bibles

**SERMON SLIDE ON SCREEN ONLY AFTER I INTRODUCE THE TEXT**

- Acts 16:8-40

### INTRO

#### JOY in Context; A Letter to the Church

-Today is the prequel to Epistle of Paul to the church in Philippi, known by most as Philippians.

Why “JOY in Context”?

-There is a CONTEXT about this letter that I think will help us have true biblical JOY. More on that NEXT WEEK, but FIRST... The Prequel.

- Memes are short, usually funny videos. There’s a popular one out there that quotes a song by Tay Money (Which I DO NOT recommend) and says “I understood the assignment”
- **What’s your assignment?**
  - Saved *from* sin *to* Body of Christ, given a gift *FOR* the mutual exhortation, edification, and or encouragement of the church.
  - What’s yours? Our gifts will vary, but when our gifts are used *FOR* the Kingdom of God, it always works out.

Jesus says it this way...

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:33

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

The Apostle Paul is a great example of such living!

- “Kingdom First mindset” and even when things seemingly don’t work out, they do work out in the big picture.

Church Planting, it’s beginnings; Antioch, Paul and Barnabas go out, testify of the LORD Jesus, establish a church in cities, and then follow up.

-Paul and Barnabas split up over Mark, and then Paul takes Timothy and Silas on a second missionary journey. They had a plan...

ACTS 16:6-10

-Sometimes the LORD closes a door so you walk through another

-Application

Acts 16:11-12

-Philippi

**“Kingdom First mindset”**

Acts 16:11-15

-Lydia

**“Kingdom First mindset”**

Acts 16:16-24

**“Kingdom First mindset”**

Acts 16:25-40

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COMMUNION