

## Book of Philippians Study #8

**Remember...** Paul wrote this letter to the church in Philippi while he was in prison. Paul eventually died for talking about Jesus – the Jewish leaders wanted him to shut up, and Paul couldn't NOT talk about Jesus. Tradition tells us that he was sawn in two in order to be put to death by the Roman Empire – wow.

Now read **Philippians 4:10-13**. What impresses you about Paul's words, now that you know the circumstances he was living in at the time he wrote these words? Go back to **Philippians 1** to see that Paul started this letter in the same way.



If you had to compare your life this past month (this week included) to a weather report, what's the **"weather report"** for your life like? Stormy? Showers? Partly cloudy? Clear skies? Flash floods?

Do Paul's words encourage you or not?

Paul is telling us that our joy needs to come less from our day to day circumstances, and more from our eternal standing with God. What could help you learn how to live that way more?

What if you found out **TODAY** that you were going to receive a **\$1,000** inheritance from an old relative who died recently. How would you spend it? Be specific.



Now read **Philippians 4:14-19**. Paul was able to serve God because several churches decided to give money to support Paul in his work. Do you ever give money away? Why or why not?

You covered some **AMAZING** stuff in this study of Philippians about life, death, *FEAR*, suffering, joy, how to really love others, **SERVICE, strength**. Flip through the entire book and talk about what you've learned from this study – what was hard, what was challenging, what bugged you, what transformed you... have fun!