



THANKFUL JOY

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Philippians 1:3 – 8

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MESSAGE NOTES

The Church is a beautiful community. A loving family partnered together for the everyday mission of making disciples.

FAMILIARITY really can breed **CONTEMPT**.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 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. 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. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

— Philippians 1:3 – 8

A. Love **OF** people

B. Love **FROM** people

Thankfulness does not come from joy; joy comes from thankfulness.

The gospel was not only the **ENVIRONMENT** of their fellowship, but also its **GOAL**.

Sharing the gospel is not a **HAVE TO** but a **GET TO**.

FEELINGS control us. **ATTITUDES** can be commanded.

1. THANKFULNESS IS INCLUSIVE

The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. — Job 1:21b

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. — 1 Thessalonians 5:18

2. THANKFULNESS IS INTERESTED

3. THANKFULNESS IS INFECTIOUS

It's one thing to be grateful. It's another to give thanks. Gratitude is what you feel. Thanksgiving is what you do.
— Tim Keller

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.
— Philippians 1:6



DISCUSSION

- What was your one big/main takeaway from the service? If someone had arrived as everyone was leaving, and they stopped you in the parking lot and asked, “What was the sermon about?” what would you have said?
- What was the first verse you ever memorized?
- What does gospel fellowship mean to you?
- When you think about your prayer life, do you find yourself often praying more for things (for God to do) or for people?
- On Sunday Brett said, “Thankfulness does not come from joy; joy comes from thankfulness.” How does understanding this change your practical, everyday life?
- Do you feel like sharing the gospel is part of your life? When was the last time you shared the gospel with someone?
- When was the last time you invited your neighbor, coworker, friend to church? Who do you need to pray about inviting / sharing with this week?
- What is the difference between a feeling and an attitude?
- Are you able to be thankful for your whole story or are there parts of your life that you wish never happened? What are they? Can you see God at work even in the parts of your life’s story that you regret?
- Read Philippians 1:6 out loud. What word or phrase sticks out the most for you?