

Rejoice in the Lord: Devotionals

The Book of Philippians is one of the New Testament letters written by the Apostle Paul during his imprisonment, likely around AD 62. Addressed to the Christian community in Philippi, a city in ancient Macedonia, this epistle is often celebrated for its themes of joy, unity, and perseverance in the face of adversity.

In this sermon series, we will discover that true joy transcends our circumstances. No matter the challenges we encounter on our journey, we can find the strength to “rejoice in the Lord.” Together, we’ll explore how to cultivate a lasting joy that remains unwavering, even in the face of adversity. Join us as we uncover the profound truth that our joy is rooted in our relationship with God, not the situations around us.

Sermon Series Week FIVE: “Joyous Humility”

Sermon Date: Sunday, August 17, 2025

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-4

Day 1 – Humility Has an Attitude

Scripture:

“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy...”

– Philippians 2:1

Daily Thought:

Paul reminds us that our attitude should reflect what we’ve received in Christ—encouragement, comfort, love, and compassion. True humility begins with recognizing how God has dealt graciously with us, then extending that same grace to others.

Action:

Today, intentionally encourage someone. Send a note, a text, or a word of kindness that reflects Christ’s encouragement in your life.

Prayer:

“Lord, thank You for comforting and encouraging me daily. Help me to share that same attitude of love and compassion with those around me. Shape my heart to reflect Yours. Amen.”

Daily Questions:

1. *In what ways have I recently experienced encouragement, comfort, or love from Christ?*
 2. *Who in my life needs encouragement today, and how can I practically provide it?*
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Day 2 – Humility Has an Agenda

Scripture:

“...complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.”

– Philippians 2:2

Daily Thought:

The agenda of humility is unity—not uniformity, but oneness of love, purpose, and mission. When the body of Christ pursues God’s glory and the advance of the gospel above personal preference, unity flourishes.

Action:

In your family, church, or workplace, put aside a personal preference for the sake of unity today. Ask: *“What will best serve the mission of Christ and the people around me?”*

Prayer:

“Father, give me a heart that values unity over selfish ambition. Help me pursue peace and harmony for the sake of Your kingdom. Amen.”

Daily Questions:

1. *Am I more focused on being right, or on maintaining Christlike unity?*
 2. *What personal preferences might I need to lay down in order to build harmony with others?*
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Day 3 – Humility Has Action

Scripture:

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.”

– Philippians 2:3

Daily Thought:

Humility is not passive - it acts. It rejects selfishness and pride, and it lifts others above self. When we shift our focus from “me” to “we,” we experience the joy of serving Christ through serving others.

Action:

Today, put someone else’s needs before your own in a practical way. Whether at home, at school, or at work, choose to serve instead of being served.

Prayer:

“Lord Jesus, You showed us humility by putting others first. Help me to follow Your example today by serving someone with joy and love. Amen.”

Daily Questions:

1. *Where in my daily life do I tend to act out of selfish ambition?*
 2. *How can I intentionally put someone else’s needs above my own today?*
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Day 4 – Humility Cultivates Joy

Scripture:

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

– Philippians 2:4

Daily Thought:

Joy and humility are deeply connected. Pride isolates and steals joy; humility creates space for love, grace, and joy to flourish. When we live outwardly focused lives, we find the joy of the Lord overflowing within us.

Action:

Identify one area in your life where pride may be robbing you of joy. Surrender that area to God in prayer and ask Him to replace pride with humility.

Prayer:

“Father, I confess where pride has blinded me. Replace my self-focus with Christlike humility and let Your joy fill my heart. Amen.”

Daily Questions:

1. *What area of my life has become too self-focused, leading me to lose joy?*
 2. *How might looking out for the interests of others restore joy to my heart?*
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Day 5 – Humility Reflects Christ

Scripture:

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus...”

– Philippians 2:5

Daily Thought:

Our model for humility is Jesus Himself. Though exalted, He humbled Himself to serve and to save. When we embrace His mindset, we not only grow in humility but also become living reflections of His love to the world.

Action:

Spend time meditating on Jesus’ humility (Philippians 2:5–11). Write down one way you will imitate His example this week.

Prayer:

“Lord Jesus, You humbled Yourself for my salvation. Give me Your mind and heart, that I may walk in humility and reflect You to others. Amen.”

Daily Questions:

1. *In what specific ways can I adopt the mindset of Christ in my relationships this week?*
 2. *How might my humility draw others closer to Jesus?*
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