Standing Firm in Joy

PHILIPPIANS 3:1-11

"Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you." (Philippians 3:1, ESV)

Review the Sermon Read Philippians 3:1-11. Why is it challenging to think of joy as a command? What does it look like to "rejoice in the Lord" when life is painful and confusing? What might a "joy-thief" look like in today's context? Assess your Life What area of your life makes joy feel difficult? When have you experienced Christ's resurrection power in your life? If someone examined your life, what might they assume your greatest treasure to be?

Apply the Truth
How could anticipating the eternal kingdom increase your joy right now?
What practical step could help you shift your focus from self-reliance to dependance on
God?
Where must you set boundaries to ensure no one, and nothing steals your joy in the Lord?
Commit this Week
Will you commit this week to a renewed focus on your personal relationship with Christ above everything else in your schedule?

"But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—" (Philippians 3:7–9, ESV) Creat