

A photograph of a gnarled pine tree growing on a rocky cliff. The tree has a thick, twisted trunk and branches that spread out against a clear blue sky. The foreground shows the rough, grey rock of the cliff with some fallen yellow leaves. The background is a soft, hazy landscape.

PHILIPPIANS

INDOMITABLE JOY

OCTOBER 4, 2026



WELCOME

The Bible tells us that God's desire is for us to find our greatest joy in Him and that He desires for us to share this experience with others. So naturally, at RCC it is our mission to encourage people to **Enjoy God Together!**

Want To Know More?

We are so thrilled that you decided to join us this Sunday! If you'd like to learn more about who we are and what we believe, **scan the QR code for more info & registration:**



GIVING UPDATE

Thank you to all of you for investing in RCC's vision and community. As of 9/30/26, our giving vs. budget is:

	September 2026	Fiscal YTD
Forecasted Giving	\$232,500	\$652,500
Actual Giving	\$297,154	\$933,331
Deficit/Excess Generosity	--	\$280,831

At RCC, we believe that giving comes as natural, joyous outpouring of worship for what God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives. So whatever is received, we are grateful and truly believe God is honored through our giving.

SOLID GROUND

MEETS THIS THURSDAY

Men are not meant to pursue God and live for Him on our own. Solid Ground is a place to open up, make genuine connections, and ignite your faith, together, as men.

When: 7:00-8:30pm on 1st and 3rd Thursdays

What: No commitments, just an open invitation to hear from one of our own, focus on God's word, and spend time connecting and encouraging each other.

Where: The RCC Library (C201) in the Worship Center

For more info call Tom Tietz (714) 932-8370 or
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SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

Philippians 1:18b-30

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

With Breath In Our Lungs
Philippians 1:18b-30
Chris Ward - October 4, 2026

Paul's Disposition (vv. 18b-20)

Paul's Declaration (v. 21)

Paul's Decision (vv. 22-30)

Big Idea:

NOTES:

Philippians 1:18b-30

For the week of October 4, 2026

A Big Idea: *Because Christ is our greatest treasure, we can live for Him with courage, unity, and faithfulness no matter what comes.*

What Does It Say? (Training us to read the text carefully)

1. In verses 18–21, what reasons does Paul give for rejoicing even while facing uncertainty and possible death?
2. In verses 21–26, trace Paul's thinking about life and death. What does he see as the benefit of each, and why does he believe remaining alive would be valuable for the Philippians?
3. In verse 27, what commands or expectations does Paul give them, and how are they connected to being "worthy of the gospel of Christ"?
4. In verses 28–30, how does Paul describe the opposition and suffering the Philippians are experiencing? What does he want them to understand about suffering for Christ?

How Is It Expressed At RCC? (Growing in the heart and habits of faith)

1. Paul can say, "to live is Christ and to die is gain." What competes with Christ for the place of greatest value in your life, and how can we grow in genuinely treasuring Him above everything else?
2. Paul's confidence in Christ gave him courage in the face of an uncertain future. What fears or uncertainties make it difficult for you to live boldly for Christ?
3. Paul calls the church to stand "in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side" (v. 27). What does it look like for us at RCC to pursue Christ and His mission together rather than treating faith as solely an individual pursuit?
4. Paul assumes that following Christ will sometimes be costly. How can we grow into people who remain joyful and faithful to Jesus when obedience becomes uncomfortable or costly?

GET CONNECTED

Fill out our online connection card

We will touch base with you and see how we can help you become connected with our community!



JOIN A LIFE GROUP

Life is better in community

Together, we dig into the Word, unpack sermons, encourage one another and enjoy God together! Scan the code to learn more and get plugged in.



MEET THE STAFF

Get to know the team at RCC

Together, the staff serves to support RCC and to walk alongside our congregation with humility, prayer, and purpose.



WHAT'S COMING UP?

There's always something going on at RCC!

Scan the code to see all of our upcoming events so you can join in on the fun!



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