
PHILIPPIANS
INDOMITABLE JOY
NOVEMBER 8, 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 11/4/26, our giving vs. budget is:

| | November 2026 | Fiscal YTD |
|---|---|---|
| Forecasted Giving | $255,000 | $919,000 |
| Actual Giving | $87,887 | $1,350,500 |
| Deficit/Excess Generosity | -- | $431,500 |

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.

# MARRIAGE MINISTRY



# STRONG FOUNDATIONS

PREPARING FOR OR
NEWLY MARRIED CLASS

Are you thinking about getting engaged, preparing for the altar, or navigating your first years of marriage? Join us for an 8-week interactive workshop designed to strengthen your bond, improve communication, and set your relationship up for lifelong success.

Topics to be covered: Communicating Effectively, Finances & Budgets, Knowing Each Other, Resolving Conflicts & Managing Anger, Biblical Perspective of Marriage, Sexual Intimacy, & Parenting

**When:** Wednesdays, January 27 - March 17
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
**Where:** Upstairs in the Worship Center | Room C304
**Cost:** $20 per couple for cost of workbook & materials
*Blended family option available

**Questions?** Contact Monica at *monicacorn@gmail.com* or *714.686.2470*

**Registration:** Scan the QR code or visit *https://richfieldcc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3827603*

# SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

## Philippians 3:1-9a

1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same
things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. 2 Look out
for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who
mutilate the flesh. 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by
the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence
in the flesh— 4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the
flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in
the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the
people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews;
as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church;
as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 But whatever gain
I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 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
9 and be found in him...

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# The Surpassing Worth of Knowing Jesus
# Philippians 3:1-9a
# Chris Ward - November 8, 2026

Outline of Passage:

Introduction (v. 1)

A Warning (vv. 2-3)

Paul's Résumé (vv. 4-6)

Paul's Conclusion / Realization (vv. 7-9a)

Application:

# NOTES:

# *Life Group Discussion Questions*

## Philippians 3:1-9a

## For the week of November 8, 2026

***Big Idea:*** *Paul's ultimate goal is to "gain Christ and be found in him" because only in Christ do we receive a righteousness far greater than anything our own religious works could earn.*

**Observe: What Does It Say?**

1. Paul exhorts them not to "put no confidence in the flesh" in verse 3? What does this mean? How did Paul himself do this (as seen in v. 4-7) before coming to Christ?
2. This passage emphasizes contrast in a big way. What exactly is being contrasted? Why is this so important to Paul?
3. Paul "suffered the loss of all things" in order to "gain Christ" and "be found in Him" (this is the doctrine of Union with Christ). What does it mean to be "in Christ" and what comes with this union (v. 9-11)?

**Interpret: What does it mean?**

1. Why does Paul list out all of his religious accomplishments like this? What did they "gain" him before he was "in Christ"? Are they now worthless or worthless by comparison?
2. What does Paul mean by "a righteousness of my own that comes from the law" (v. 9)? How is that kind of righteousness different than the righteousness we have in Christ?
3. Paul says writing "the same things" to them is "safe for you" (v. 1). Why might hearing the same truths again protect a church, and what "same things" might Paul have in mind?

**Apply: What does this look like lived out?**

1. If we were making a modern-day equivalent to Paul's list of religious accomplishments, what might Christians today add to that list? What do those things "gain" us today?
2. In what context of your life are your own successes, strengths and accomplishments possibly a replacement for walking near to God and relying on His strength & power?
3. What is the most beautiful part of being "united" to Christ for you in your life today?

## 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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