

Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Sermon Series: Rejoice! (A Study of Philippians)

Sermon: God Provides

Scripture: Philippians 4:10-23

¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Reflection Questions:

- What does Paul say he has learned about contentment in both abundance and need?
- What does Paul mean when he says, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13)? What are some ways you can tangibly find your strength in Christ?
- How did the Philippian believers partner with Paul in the gospel through their giving?
- Why does Paul describe their gift as "a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God"?
- What promise does Paul give about God's provision for believers?

Guided Prayer:

Thank God for His provision, most of all for Jesus Christ. Recount specific things that cause you to rejoice. Thank God for each. Ask God to show you things for which you should rejoice. Ask Him to help you to find your strength in Christ no matter what circumstances you face. Ask God to prepare you for whatever season He has for you next. Thank Him for providing all you need in Christ Jesus. In His name, Amen.