

An Introduction to Philippians

Philippians 1:1-2

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but the _____ that _____ in your _____ controls you.

What you _____ will _____; what you _____ will _____.

Background - Acts 16

God often reveals _____ to get you _____.
The _____ become _____ as you begin to _____.

Purpose of Philippians: To _____ the Philippians to _____ their
_____ around _____.

Key Passage: Philippians 2:5-11

Overseer/Elder/Pastor:

_____, _____, and _____ the church through the ministry of the
_____, _____, and spiritual _____.

Deacon:

_____ the church by bringing _____ to meet _____
_____, to preserve the _____ of the church and protect the _____
of the gospel

Saint:

_____ who has put their _____ in _____ and has
been _____ by God for His special purposes.

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but the story that plays in your head controls you.

What you feed will grow; what you starve will die.

Background - Acts 16

God often reveals just enough to get you moving.
The details become clear as you begin to obey.

Purpose of Philippians: To encourage the Philippians to center their lives around Christ.

Key Passage: Philippians 2:5-11

Overseer/Elder/Pastor:

Lead, feed, and protect the church through the ministry of the word, prayer, and spiritual oversight

Deacon:

Serve the church by bringing spiritual leadership to meet practical needs, to preserve the unity of the church and protect the advancement of the gospel

Saint:

Every person who has put their trust in Jesus Christ and has been set apart by God for His special purposes.

Philippians 1:1-2 Life Group Questions

1. What stood out to you the most from the sermon?
2. Paul received a vision from God, but no details on exactly how to carry out the mission. While you may have never directly experienced a vision from God, has there been a time when you were prompted to take a step of faith or obedience, and only later did the details come into place? What was that like?
3. Is there any area in your life where you might be delaying doing something God wants you to do because you feel like you need more details? Is it possible that God is expecting you to move before revealing the rest of His plan?
4. The biblical role of the pastor/elder/overseer is to lead, feed, and protect the church through the ministry of the Word, prayer, and spiritual oversight. How is this different from what many people expect from their pastoral leaders?
5. Deacons are charged with bringing spiritual leadership to meet practical needs in order to protect the unity of the church and the advancement of the gospel. Have you ever experienced a church situation where the unity was disrupted over issues that should have been dealt with more wisely? What effect did that have on the church's gospel impact?
6. A key point was how the story we allow to play in our head begins to control our lives. In what ways have you seen this play out in your life? What are the competing stories in your head?
7. The principle "what you feed will grow; what you starve will die" holds true in many areas of your life. What is something you need to feed, and what is something specific you need to work on starving?