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LIVE IT OUT

Answer these questions on your own or preferably with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard.

1. Which part of today's message stood out to you and why?
2. What did Paul mean by "being a citizen of heaven worthy of the Gospel"? Think of one to three aspects.
3. Which of the themes from Philippians is most relevant to your life right now and why?

OUR MISSION & VISION

We **inspire & equip** people to follow Jesus **wholeheartedly**, because we believe that following Jesus makes **life better** and makes you better at life... and brings glory to God in the process. Join us!

Ladies, you're invited to a (crock)pot luck soup night! The women of United Baptist Church (where we meet) are inviting our women to join them for an evening of soup, fellowship, and singing (Friday, 5-7 PM on October 27 at United Baptist) – Dessert will be provided. Soups in crockpots, bread, crackers, and drinks are needed. Contact Leann DeHart if you're planning to come and let her know what you'd like to bring: 812-773-2294 or canadainmyheart15@gmail.com

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

“To what or whom will you give your ultimate allegiance?”

PARTNERS

TODAY'S MESSAGE

IN IT TOGETHER PART ONE • TODAY: ALLEGIANCE
PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

THE BOTTOM LINE

BE _____
_____ OF THE
GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. – Philippians 1:27a NLT

THE STORY

360 BCE – Philip of Macedon, father of Alexander the Great, takes over the city of Krenides and renames it after himself. The newly christened Philippi is strategically important because it is next to a large agricultural plain, has a well-protected acropolis, and is near rich mineral deposits, including gold.

168 BCE – Philippi comes under Roman control.

44 BCE – On the Ides of March (15th), Julius Caesar is assassinated by a group of senators including Brutus & Cassius. Julius Caesar is the first of many Caesars to be hailed as “Savior.”

42 BCE – Caesar Octavian (Augustus) is declared divine and henceforth known as the Son of God. Mark Antony & Octavian defeat Brutus & Cassius at the Battle of Philippi. Octavian settles Philippi and the surrounding area with discharged war veterans bestows Roman citizenship on them by designating Philippi a Roman colony.

30 BCE – After the Battle of Actium where Octavian defeats his former ally now rival Mark Antony, Octavian again settles the veterans in Philippi.

6 BCE – Jesus is born in Bethlehem, Judea, a province of Rome during the reign of Tiberius Caesar.

At about age 33, Jesus is crucified, buried, raised and ascends, and the church is born. Shortly thereafter a young Pharisee named Saul encounters the risen Jesus and becomes the Apostle Paul.

49 CE – Paul, accompanied by Silas, Timothy, and Luke, found the church in Philippi. (Acts 16:11-40) Luke evidently spends an extended period of time in Philippi.

Later Paul visits the church multiple times before being imprisoned. Philippian believer Epaphroditus is sent to the imprisoned Paul with a financial gift and presumably updates him on the status of the church. Epaphroditus becomes sick and nearly dies, but upon his recovery Paul sends him back to Philippi with the letter now included in the New Testament as Philippians.

This letter is from Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus. I am writing to all of God's holy people in Philippi who belong to Christ Jesus, including the church leaders and deacons.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. – Philippians 1:1-2 NLT

THE THEMES

_____ – The overriding confidence that all will be well because we know the end of the story, that allows us to _____ the journey.

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, – Philippians 1:3-4 NLT

_____ – Shared participation.

for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. – Philippians 1:5 NLT

_____ – The Good News about Jesus Christ: _____ he is, _____ he's done, and what it _____ for us.

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NEXT
STEP

SAY
YES

_____ – The _____ of the Gospel & the _____ of the saints.

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. – Philippians 1:6 NLT

_____ – Difficulties that arise from _____ to the Gospel.

So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News. – Philippians 1:7 NLT

_____ – _____ and _____ really matters.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. – Philippians 1:9-11 NIV

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NEXT STEP: CONNECT

SETTLE YOUR _____.