

JOY IN TOUGH TIMES

Philippians Series – Lesson # 3

Introduction

Text: Philippians 1:12-26

Paul did not find his joy in his _____;
he found his joy in _____ God.

How can we have joy in tough times?

If we want to experience God's joy, we must be
concerned with _____ God.

1. See things from God's _____ . - 1:12-14

A. Paul's chains gave _____ with the
_____.

B. Paul's chains gave _____ to the
_____.

Sometimes it is your _____ to
your "chains" that influences someone else.

Romans 8:28

- God has a _____ behind every
one of my problems.
- Your circumstances aren't as important as what
you _____ with them.
- When life gives you _____, make
_____.
- Rejoice in what God is doing, rather than
_____ about what God did not do.

2. Focus on God's _____ . - 1:15-18

3. Depend on God's _____ . - 1:18-20

A. God's power released through _____.

B. God's power given by the _____
_____.

Paul had joy because he was not dependent on just his
_____ resources, but God's.

God's presence and power is _____.

Philippians 4:13

4. Live for God's _____ . - 1:20-26

A. Paul's purpose was to honor Christ with his
_____.

B. Paul's purpose was to honor Christ with his
_____.

Philippians 3:13-14

Conclusion

Your experience of joy depends on what you
_____ for. – Philippians 1:21

JOY – _____ first, _____
second, _____ last.