

Unbreakable Joy Flows from Living a Connected Life!
Unbreakable Joy, Pt. 1
Philippians 1:1-11

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Philippians 1:1, Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: **2** Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 16:13, On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. **14** One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. **15** When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. ...

Acts 16:29, The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. **30** He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

A Connected Life...

1. Cultivates Gratitude for the PEOPLE God Places in Your Life

Philippians 1:3, I thank my God every time I remember you. **4** In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,

Psalm 133:1, How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Hebrews 10:24, And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, **25** not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but

encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Colossians 3:15, Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

2. Has Confidence in God's Ongoing WORK

Philippians 1:6, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:28, And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Psalm 37:23, The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; **24** though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

2 Corinthians 12:9, But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Ephesians 2:10, For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

3. Embraces the Power of COMMUNITY

Philippians 1:7, It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. **8** God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

Ecclesiastes 4:9, Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: **10** If either of them falls

down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

1 Thessalonians 5:11, *Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

Romans 12:15, *Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.*

4. Deepens Your Love for God and EXTENDS that Love to Others

Philippians 1:9, *And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, **10** so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, **11** filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.*

Colossians 3:12, *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **14** And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

John 13:34, *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*