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Jesusology

“It’s All Good”

Philippians 1 (Joy in Suffering)

1) I cannot bear good fruit or find joy in suffering unless I ABIDE in Christ.

What does ABIDING in Christ mean? (John 15:4-12, 5:38, 14:10)

2) The Shared Good of Relationships: (v1-5)

Relationships provide; a support system, strength in numbers and common goals. (Ro 12:10, 16,13:8, 14:13, 19, 15:7,14,16:16, 1Cor 12:25...)

3) The Shared Good of the Gospel and Grace: (v5-8)

The atoning strength provided through the Gospel sustains us in our individual struggles and bind us together for more strength and in a shared grace. (Ro1:16, 1Cor 9:23, Eph 1:13, Heb 4:16, Jas 4:6, 1Pt 4:10)

4) The Shared Good of a Greater Love and a Grand Vision: (v9-11)

A community of support gives us PEOPLE to share the pursuit of the GRANDER VISION and a FAMILY to share a GREATER LOVE with. What are the operative words that should be true of this relationship? (Rom 5:1-5, 12:9-13)

5) The Shared Good of Leadership and Purpose : (v12-13)

Paul leads by example. Leadership comes with a large dose of pain and leaves scars. As believers, we are all leaders.

6) The Shared Good of Pain for a transcendent cause: (v14-18)

Our shared commitment to suffer with and for Christ and one another requires a greater individual commitment to a cause outside ourselves and for a greater good. (Rom 8:17, 2Tim 1:8, Heb 2:9, 1Pt 5:9, Phi 1:29)

7) The Shared Good of the Reward: (v19-20)

Our life and our death only have meaning when Christ is exalted through them.

8) The Shared Good of living with an Eternal Perspective:

(v21-30) Living with an eternal perspective will bear the fruit of joy in any circumstance. (Rom 5:1-5, 1Cor13:9-13)

“... to live is Christ and to die is gain” That’s why - IT’S ALL GOOD!!



Growing

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1) Society, Sin and Satan certainly all provide occasions for pain and suffering. Discuss the relation between Jesus' words in Mathew 24:1-14 and John 15:1-25. Discuss how Christ's words might clarify our perception of pain and suffering. How does this warning and instruction from Jesus help us live the Christian life?

2) Relative to Paul's encouragement in Phil 1:1-11, discuss the options we have in living with pain and suffering (see sermon fill-ins 2, 3 & 4). Discuss the right ways and the wrong ways we choose to live these out and what consequences or benefits our choices may bring.

3) Consider how does Paul's reputation, before he knew Christ and also after his conversion, influence his ability to be a credible leader to the church in Philippi and to others. What opportunity does pain and suffering give us both in relationship with God and in relationship with others? What has been your experience in responding to pain and suffering in good ways and in bad ways and how has that affected others? Has God recycled your pain?

4) As you consider how pain and suffering have influenced your life and your perspective of it, looking back, was there joy or other rewards found in the midst of it? How has your perspective changed from being in the middle of the storm to now? How do we grasp an eternal perspective and how do we hang on to it?