



# THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

CHAPTER FOUR

# MONDAY

## WEEK 4

### READ & OBSERVE

- Philippians 4:2-3
- Matthew 18:15-17, 21-35

### INTERPRET & APPLY

- What theme(s) presented earlier in the letter is Paul practically addressing in these few verses?
- What steps need to be taken when a conflict is unresolved?
- Like Paul did, how can you leverage your own influence to bring greater unity to people in your world?

# TUESDAY

## WEEK 4

### READ & OBSERVE

- Philippians 4:4-9
- Nehemiah 12:17, 43
- 1 Peter 5:5-7

### INTERPRET & APPLY

- So far in his letter, what examples has Paul given for what he is asking of the Philippians in verses 4-9?
- What do Paul and Peter tell us to do with worry, and what promises do they include?
- What causes you anxiety and how do you tend to respond? How might Paul's instructions change how you handle anxiety?

# WEDNESDAY

## WEEK 4

### READ & OBSERVE

- Philippians 4:10-13
- John 15:4-5
- 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
- Isaiah 40:27-31

### INTERPRET & APPLY

- What was the "secret" Paul believed that enabled him to be content in all circumstances?
- What's an area of your life where you can practice finding contentment by choosing to trust in what Paul believed?

# THURSDAY

## WEEK 4

### READ & OBSERVE

- Philippians 4:14-20
- 2 Corinthians 2:17
- 2 Corinthians 11:7-9

### INTERPRET & APPLY

- How does Paul describe his relationship with the Philippians as unique?
- How does the giving of financial resources represent a genuine 'sharing' in the sufferings of the gospel? Or how are they like a 'fragrant offering?'
- What causes do you financially support, or want to begin to support, and why?

## PROVISION FOR MISSION

It was common for various religious leaders to charge for their teaching, but Paul was careful not to misrepresent Jesus by charging his hearers for the good news about him. There were times he served as "tentmaker" to support himself as he ministered, but in other cases, he relied on the giving of others. Because the Philippians had been so deeply changed, they played a part in sending Paul and helping sustain his missionary journey in order to bring the gospel to others.

HISTORICAL  
CONTEXT

# FRIDAY

## WEEK 4

### READ & OBSERVE

- Philippians 4:21-23
- 1 John 3:1-2

### INTERPRET & APPLY

- How is the letter's theme of unity presented in the closing of Paul's letter?
- Can you imagine being imprisoned for your faith like Paul? If you were, who would you write to and what would you say?

# SATURDAY

## RECAP

### CHAPTER FOUR

- Paul thanks the Philippians for their giving but also makes sure they know he's not asking for more by ensuring them he has more than enough.
- From prison, Paul shares he is content in any circumstance because Christ gives him strength.
- God supplies for the needs of those who sacrificially give for the sake of the gospel.
- Paul expresses the trans-local nature of the gospel, which is able to unify all kinds of people in all kinds of places into one family with God as Father.





# PHILIPPIANS

## REVIEW

Looking back, in what ways have we seen Paul express these themes?

- Rejoicing
- Thinking like Christ
- Unity
- Holiness
- A future hope

How do Paul's words to the Philippians in their day (exegetis) still apply to us in our day (hermeneutics)?

From Paul's letter, what have you learned about God? humanity?