

## **Philippians - Journey with Joy** **Part 1: Joy in Mission - Acts 16:11-40**

- This is the only book where Paul isn't trying to correct or modify behavior.
- It's the best picture of what mature church and a maturing believer looks like.
- The first three recorded converts in Philippi were as different as night and day.

This church learned early on that Jesus was for \_\_\_\_\_.

Joy comes from pursuing the Master's \_\_\_\_\_ over money & amusements.

### **The First 3 Converts of the Philippian Church**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ – savvy, affluent, a seeker of God - Acts 16:13-15

- An Asian from Thyatira who also owns a house in Philippi.
- She's wealthy—knew how to handle money, a fashionista, an intellectual.
- She's heard the law, knows she's broken it, is aware of blood atonement.

**Witnessing approach:** Paul engages her \_\_\_\_\_, her reason.

**Application:** We should know the Scriptures and the gospel well so that we are prepared to share them whenever the Spirit opens doors of opportunity.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ –enslaved, impoverished, exploited, has nothing, demon-possessed - Acts 16:16-18

- This little girl stands in absolute contrast to Lydia.
- As Paul witnesses, he does not appeal to her intellect at all.
- The demon that possessed her was set up as her hope, her provider.

**Witnessing approach:** \_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit.

**Application:** Be willing for the Holy Spirit to use you in supernatural ways. Seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit for power to witness.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ – blue collar, ex GI, manning the prison - Acts 16:23-34

- Not interested in the logic & arguments of the intellectuals or mystical power.
- Tortures Paul & Silas in the stocks.

**Witnessing approach:** Paul preaches by his \_\_\_\_\_.

- When they were tortured, Paul & Silas praised instead of complained or cursed.
- Paul could have taken revenge, let the guy kill himself. Instead he forgives, stays.

*Paul had the picture that the gospel  
cannot be stopped by the \_\_\_\_\_ we use as humans.  
The gospel blew through race, socio-economic position,  
background, and aptitude and created a new, vibrant community.*