

Philippians

For the Church of 2021

Part 2

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Last Week in Philippians

- The Historical, Cultural, Geographic Context
- Paul's Dismal Situation
- Authentic Joy as a 2021 evangelistic tool
- Emulating Paul's Joy through a Kingdom Viewpoint
- Our role as Warriors (Eph 6:10-20)
- Our role as Priests (1 Pet 2:9)



Today:
Authentic Joy
Prayer and Resurrection Power

Philippians 1:1-2

¹ Paul and Timothy, **bond-servants** of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the **Lord** Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:3-5

- ³ I **thank** my God in all my remembrance of you,
⁴ always **offering prayer with joy** in my every
prayer for you all,
⁵ in view of your **participation in the gospel** from
the first day until now.

Philippians 1:6

⁶ For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will **perfect it** until the day of Christ Jesus.

Key Verse. Will return to this!

Philippians 1:7-8

⁷ For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because **I have you in my heart**, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are **partakers of grace** with me.

⁸ For God is my witness, how **I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus**.

Philippians 1:9-11

- ⁹ And this **I pray**, that your **love** may abound still more and more in real **knowledge** and all discernment,
- ¹⁰ so that you may **approve** the things that are **excellent**, in order to be **sincere** and **blameless** until the day of Christ;
- ¹¹ having been filled with the **fruit of righteousness** which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Let's Return to 1:6

Philippians 1:6

⁶ For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.



Philippians 2:12-13

- ¹² So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;
- ¹³ for **it is God who is at work in you**, both **to will** and **to work** for His good pleasure.

2 Peter 3:10

But the **day of the Lord** will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.



Colossians 2:6-7

NASB

- ⁶ Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord,
so walk in Him,
- ⁷ having been firmly rooted and now being built up in
Him and established in your faith, just as you were
instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.



1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

NASB

- ²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ²⁴ Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.



1 Peter 5:10

NASB

¹⁰ After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.



Hebrews 13:20-21

NASB

- ²⁰ Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord,
- ²¹ equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.





God's Resurrection Power is at work!

- God is at work in us.
 - He gives us the will to do the work.
 - He gives us the ability/energy to do the work.
- We walk in Christ, having been rooted and built up, overflowing with gratitude.
- God sanctifies us. He is faithful and will bring it to pass.
- God perfects, confirms, strengthens, establishes us.
- The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us!



Resurrection Power

- Is at work in you.
- Is available TO you through Christ.



Joy through Prayer

- “Thanksgiving and the sound of a melody” (Isaiah 51:3)
 - In Phil 1:3, Paul immediately mentions thanksgiving
 - Paul instructs Timothy...

1 Tim 2:1-2

NASB

- ¹ First of all, then, I urge that **entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,**
- ² for kings and all who are in authority, so that **we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.**



Ezekiel 22:30

“I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.



Ephesians 6:18-19

NASB



¹⁸ With all prayer and petition **pray at all times in the Spirit**, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and **petition for all the saints,**

¹⁹ and **pray on my behalf**, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

Matthew 7:7-11

NASB

- ⁷ “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
- ⁸ “For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.



Matthew 7:7-11

NASB

- ⁹ “Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone?
- ¹⁰ “Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?
- ¹¹ “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!**



Psalm 55:22

NASB

²² Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.



1 Peter 5:6-7

NASB

- ⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,
- ⁷ casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.



Elisha and the Axe Head

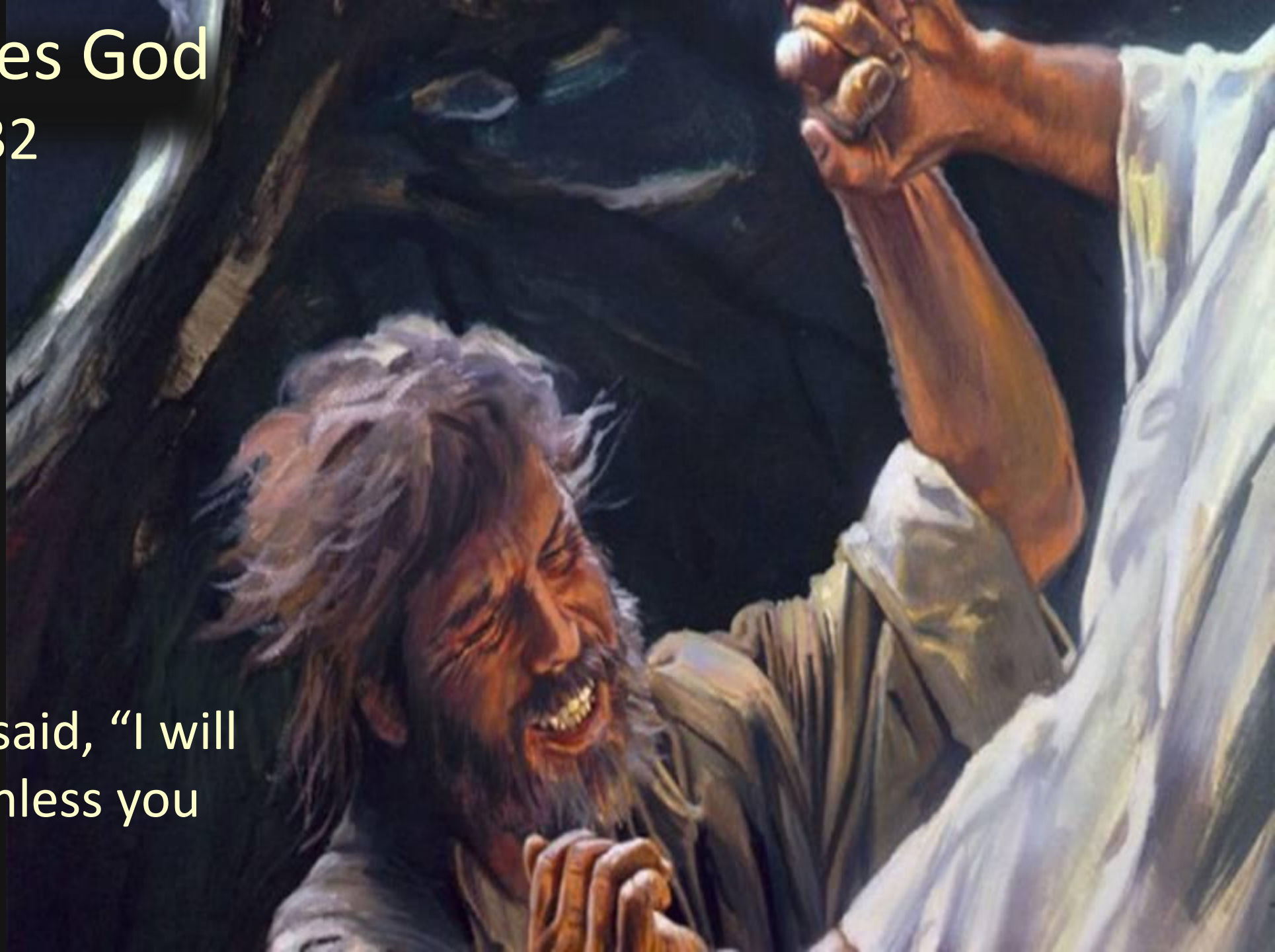
II Kings 6:1-7



Jacob Wrestles God

Genesis 32:24-32

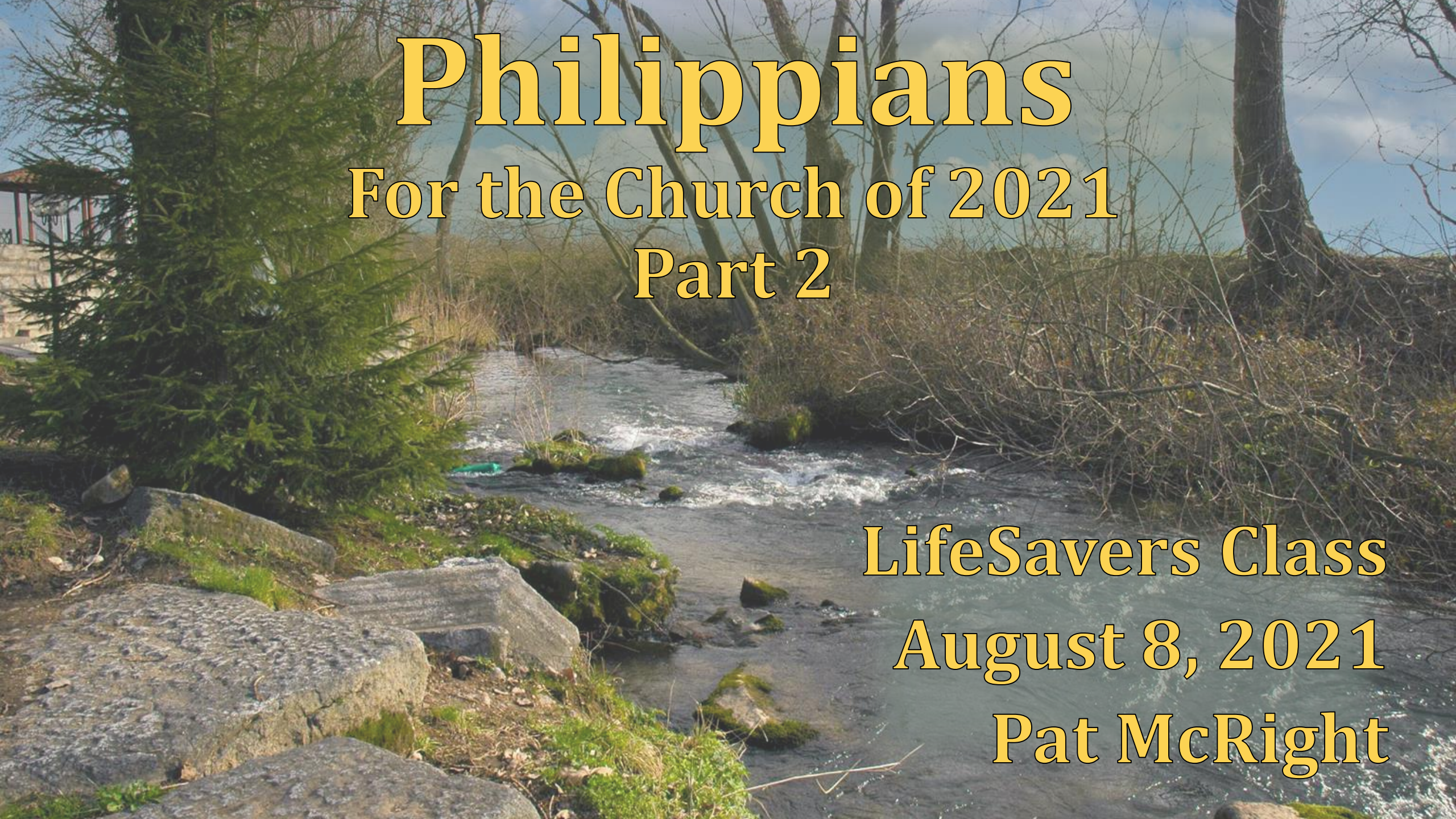
26 ...He (Jacob) said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."





We Have Reason to Rejoice

- Because of God's Power
 - At work in us
 - To will...
 - To do...
 - At work in His Kingdom
 - Bringing about restoration of all things
- Because of God's Power through Prayer
 - Cast your cares on Him
 - Pray Kingdom Prayers (Engage in the Battle)
 - Relationship: "Wrestle Him until He blesses"



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