



Joy That Holds: A Life Worth Living
August 15 & 16, 2026
Philippians 3:1-11

Opener: What is one possession, accomplishment, or memory that carries special meaning for you?

Go Deeper: *(Exploring the Bible)*

1. Read Philippians 3:7–8. What caused Paul to change the way he evaluated his former gains? What does “the surpassing worth of knowing Christ” mean?
 2. In Philippians 3:9, what contrast does Paul draw between having a righteousness of his own and receiving righteousness through faith in Christ?
 3. What does Philippians 3:10–11 reveal about the relationship between knowing Christ, sharing in His sufferings, and hoping in the resurrection?
 4. Compare Philippians 3:9 with Luke 18:9–14. Where did the Pharisee look for righteousness, and where did the tax collector place his hope?
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Live It: *(Applying to Daily Life)*

1. What accomplishment, role, relationship, or possession are you most tempted to use as the foundation of your identity?
2. Where in your life are you exhausted from trying to prove yourself, defend yourself, or appear stronger than you feel?
3. How would remembering that you are “found in Christ” change the way you face a current failure, regret, or criticism?
4. Where do you need Christ’s resurrection power right now—not necessarily to remove a hardship, but to help you live faithfully within it?



GOD TIME:

Daily Bible Readings (August 16-22)

Sun:	Philippians 3:7–11	Knowing Christ
Mon:	Luke 18:9–14	Mercy, Not Merit
Tues:	Romans 3:21–28	Righteousness by Faith
Wed:	Galatians 2:15–21	Found in Christ
Thurs:	Romans 6:3–11	Joined to Jesus
Fri:	2 Corinthians 4:7–18	Resurrection Power
Sat:	John 11:17–27	Resurrection and Life

