

Indestructible Joy – Week #7

Philippians 4:8-23 = Final Pathways to Joy

1. What are some of your “takeaways” from this series on Philippians? What have you learned about Jesus? What have you learned about Joy?
2. Pastor Brent began by discussing his experience with the fanatic sports fans in Boston – Fenway Park. Have you ever experienced something that in a different context? Why is it so easy to be insatiably consumed with something temporal?
3. What evidence in the book of Philippians do you see that Paul is insatiably consumed with Jesus?

Paul concludes the letter by discussing 2 final pathways to Joy – Making Jesus our everything when it comes to our **Mind & Money**.

Mind - Phil.4:8-9

1. Have you every struggled with letting things “live rent free in your mind?” Explain
2. Read Phil.4:8 - Given the context of Philippians what is the thing that is true, pure, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent & praiseworthy that is to occupy our minds? (Phil.2:6-11) How can this short edition story of Jesus keep our mind focused on eternal things?
3. Pastor Brent discussed something called an “Algorithm wormhole tunnel vision” when it comes to consuming online content. Have you or someone you know ever let your mind get caught in the wormhole? What are the other dangers of social media when it comes to our minds?
4. Pastor Brent illustrated “dropping an acme safe” of a grander eternal story (Phil.2:6-11) on the lesser temporal stories that sometimes live rent free in our minds. What are some of those lesser temporal stories that could have lived rent free in Paul’s mind during this writing of Philippians?

Money – Phil.4:10-19

1. Contentment – What is the secret that Paul is referring to in Phil.4:12? What are some ways that inspire you to be content with what you have?
2. Generosity – Read 2 Cor.8:1-9 – How did the Philippians already view their money?
3. What is the basis for the “heart of giving” in the New Testament?
4. What else can you learn from this passage in Philippians on generosity with money?

The main point of the “short edition story of Jesus” in Phil.2:6-11 is the Cross. Think about the cross. Think about how true, pure, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent & praiseworthy it is. How is cross the pathway to true joy?