



Philippians 3:17-4:1

SERIES BIG IDEA:

I have received an inheritance of joy and, through Christ, my life will leave a legacy of joy that defies the ways of the world.

We have received an inheritance of joy that is meant to impact the world for generations to come.

He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born and they in turn would tell their children.

Psalm 78: 5-6 (NIV, 1984)

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV, 1984)

We are called to share the joy found in Jesus by making disciples.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV, 1984)

The joy-filled legacy we leave are the disciples we make.

Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV, 1984)

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

I will be an example of joy by standing firm in Christ.

We stand firm by placing our confidence in Jesus.

I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault. I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.

Philippians 3:4b-9 (NLT)

We stand firm by enduring in our faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:10-14 (NIV, 1984)

We stand firm by being obedient to Christ.

DEFIANT JOY

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JOY FILLED LEGACY

Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take not of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (NIV, 1984)

We received a joy-filled inheritance and live a joy filled life so we can leave a joy filled legacy that will impact the world for generations to come.



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

Everyone will leave a legacy on earth when their earthly life is over. Some people leave a legacy of wealth, some of accomplishments, some of relationships, and others leave legacies they probably wouldn't be so proud of. Regardless everyone leaves a legacy.

When Jesus ascended and went back to heaven to be with the Father he left a legacy and his followers and those for generations to come are the legacy that Jesus left.

We are supposed to live a life that is marked by Christ and points others to Him. We are also supposed to let the Holy Spirit guide us into sharing Jesus with other people. We are called to leave a legacy of people radically devoted to knowing Jesus, whose lives are marked by growing more and more like him, and who can't help but share Jesus with others.

You have a choice to leave a legacy of joy through the power of the Holy Spirit who brings joy into your life and you can share with others.

TALK-IT-OVER:

What kind of legacy do you hope to leave through your life?

What are you doing to allow the Holy Spirit to guide your steps toward leaving your legacy?

Do you trust that the legacy God wants to leave through you is best? Why or why not?

What is one next step you need to take today?

Who do you need to tell about what you've learned?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:

Day 1) 1 Corinthians 10:1-4; Psalm 40:1-3

Day 2) 2 Samuel 22:1-3, 31-33, 47

Day 3) 1 Peter 2:1-10

Day 4) Psalm 19:1-14, 61:1-5

Day 5) Ephesians 6:10-18

Day 6) Deuteronomy 32:29-31