Choosing Joy

Ken Chapman · Philippians 3:1–10

INTRODUCTION

- You can have joy despite what you're going through, despite the hardships of life.
- Paul is going to talk a lot in chapter 3 about loss.
- Paul is going to tell us that there is joy in choosing. And yes, there's joy in losing.

1 There's Joy in Choosing

Philippians 3:1; Philippians 3:3; Philippians 3:4–6

- We worship God in the Spirit, not in the flesh... And we have no confidence in the flesh.
- Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. That's where Paul's joy was. It wasn't in his fleshly accomplishments.
- Paul is saying, my joy is in that I've made a choice.
- If there's joy in choosing, then maybe it stands the reason Paul would tell us that there's a lack of joy in indecision.
- Too many Christians have allowed themselves to be robbed of this joy. Because they haven't fully made this choice.
- I did have confidence in those fleshly things. But now I have no confidence. I've made a choice.

2 There's Joy in Losing

Philippians 3:7–10; Acts 27:38

- What things were gained to me? These I counted loss for Christ.
- That valuable cargo became very expendable. Get rid of it. Paul says that's what I've done with my life.
- I had that status, that heritage, that pedigree. But I counted them but loss.
- I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.
- Fully choose to serve God. And find the joy in throwing some things overboard. Because they really don't matter.
- Might be the sins that you've committed, the guilt and the shame that you're dragging around with you that is tremendous thief of joy. Why not lose that?

THE CHALLENGE

Would you make that choice this morning? Would you choose to know Him? Would you choose to let everything else go that you might grab a hold of that which is most important, and that's Christ Jesus our Lord.

MY NOTES