



The letter to the church in Philippi has strengthened believers for centuries by encouraging godly people living in crooked times. It also encourages the Church to find contentment in Christ in all areas of life. That means leaving jealousy, covetousness, and greed behind. Philippians sets a model for us to be generous with our resources and focus on Kingdom advancement. As Paul concludes the letter we are drawn back to its introduction and being a people full of grace. Grace is a natural effect of the goodness God has shown to us and what we can show to others.

1. Neal opened the sermon and talked about how the church has stepped up to help people out in difficult times. Share about how the church has helped you out or how God has used you to help others.
2. **Read Philippians 4:10-13.** Paul has learned how to be content in all situations. **Read Proverbs 19:23, Luke 3:14, and 1 Timothy 6:6.** Are you content in your current life situation? Share the reasons for why or why not.
3. Paul and Joseph learned to be content because their past experiences shaped them. **Read Genesis 37:26-27, 39:19-23, and 2 Corinthians 2:21-30.** How has your past taught you to be content in your current situation?
4. The church in Philippi shared in Paul's troubles. **Read Philippians 4:14.** What are practical ways we can share in the troubles with each other? What does it look like to support each other in trouble? **See also Psalm 68:19, Matthew 11:28-30, and Galatians 6:2.**
5. Generosity was a primary characteristic of the church. **Read Philippians 4:15-20.** Do you enjoy giving of your time, talent, and resources to the advancement of the Kingdom? **See also Luke 6:38.**
6. Paul understood that God would meet all our needs when we give generously. How can we go about living a generous life while continuing to take care of our personal needs? **See Matthew 6:2-4, 19-24, 17:27, and Mark 12:41-44.**
7. **Read Philippians 4:20-23.** The last year has made some people hesitant to greet others. How can we excel at being a church body who knows each other while maintaining respect for everyone's personal space needs?
8. Close your time in prayer by praying for The Martinez Family serving with YWAM in San Francisco.