

A Messy Grace
Philippians 1:1-12, Acts 16

- I. The Messy Beginning of the Church in Philippi (Acts 16)
 - a. God leads Paul to Philippi Acts 16:7-10
 - b. Paul meets Lydia- Acts 16:12-15
 - c. HE meets a slave Girl - Acts 16:16-21
 - d. Paul is thrown in Jail and the Jailer converts. Acts 16:22-40

- II. The Book of Philippians.(Missional Living)
 - a. 10 years after acts 16 Paul writes the book of Philippians to the church that exists
 - b. The theme of Philippians is Joy. 19 Times in this book Paul mentions Joy, Rejoicing, Gladness.
 - c. Paul answers important questions about the Christian life.

- III. Philippians 1- Messy beginning to Missional living. Read vs. 3-8
 - a. Rejoice in the sharing of the gospel. Vs. 3-8
 - i. Live a life bigger than yourself
 1. There gospel is life.
 - ii. Vs. 4 Paul rejoices over this gospel going out.
 1. The opposite of Joy is living Purposeless.
 - b. 9-11 Pray that we keep Growing through the gospel
 - i. This is How you pray for those who want to keep serving in Christ.
 - ii. Vs.9 You keep growing in your love.
 - iii. Vs.10 live life so that we may see Jesus face to face with Joy
 - iv. Vs. 11 remember where that strength comes from.
 - c. Rejoice over Fellowship in the gospel.
 - i. Vs. 3-6 "I have you in my mind" (vs. 3)
 - ii. Vs. 7-8 I have you in my heart (vs. 7)
 - iii. Vs. 9-11 I have you in my prayers (vs. 9)
 - d. Even when we feel like a mess God can use us for his glory (vs. 6)