

Bible Study for December 26 – Jan 1, 2023

Read: Philippians 2:1-11

Notes:

Philippi was a city located in northern Greece and the congregation there was one of Paul's favorites. He had founded the church based on a vision he had of a man beckoning him to come over and help (Acts 16:9), and his time there had been one of both joys and trials. This letter is believed to have been written 12 or 13 years later while Paul is in prison in Rome. In spite of this, Paul still writes a letter containing thanksgiving, as well as his personal situation, and has concerns regarding disunity and potential dangers from false teachers. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

This week's verses Paul outlines the importance of living in unity.

Questions to Ponder:

Who in your family makes the most of a mess in the house? Who cleans it up?

Reading between the lines, what was wrong with the church in Philippi?

What are four motives found here for living in unity?

How is such unity related to humility?

Do these verses bring to mind any stories of Jesus humility?

How does humility differ from being a doormat?