



## What is it all about?

After recent years we could all do with a little more on joy in our lives. Joy on the Journey is a series in the Book of Philippians to help us discover that true joy can only be found in Jesus.

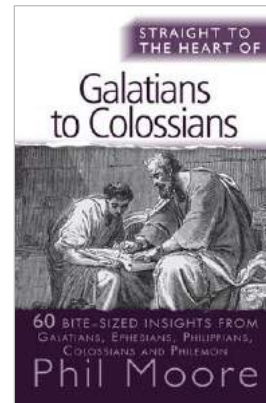
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## Recommended Reading

Straight to the Heart of Galatians to Colossians

Phil Moore

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## Title: Joyful Journey Anchors

Speaker: James Wilson      Bible Ref: Philippians 1:1-11

Overview: Read the passage together and use this brief overview to remind your group of what was preached.

### Five anchors to help us be joyful on our journey with the Lord:

- 1) **Confident in our identity (v1)** - We are “in Christ”, united with him, “saints” and “servants of Christ”. When we are more aware of who we are in Jesus, we can ride the bumpy disappointments of life.
- 2) **Confident in our partnership (v3-5, 7-8)** - We are joined together at the heart for the common purpose of making disciples in Beccles and beyond. We have a deep, special, friendship in the gospel.
- 3) **Confident in the gospel of Jesus (v2, 5)** - This is the basis of our partnership/fellowship, we have all experienced the grace of God and enjoy the benefit of the peace of God in our lives.
- 4) **Confident in God’s faithfulness (v6)** - We were saved by the faithfulness of God and his miraculous intervention in our lives. What God has begun in us, he will bring to completion.
- 5) **Confident in the love of Jesus (v8-11)** - Our old self is dead, but our new self, clothed with the Holy Spirit can fill us with the Lord Jesus’ supernatural love for others no matter how difficult we find them.



**Questions to help your group understand the truth:** On Sundays we hear God’s word preached and as we listen well we trust that God is speaking to us and changing us in the moment. Use these questions to further explore the truth in Scripture.

1. What does Paul mean by “saints in Christ Jesus”?
2. What does Paul mean by “partnership in the gospel”?
3. Why is he so grateful to God for the Philippians?

**Questions to help your group apply the truth:** When applied, God’s Word will enable us to love God and to love others. These questions will help your group apply the truth understood in a way that leads to transformed lives.

1. How can we remind ourselves of our identity as saints in Christ?
2. As friends on mission together, how can we partner together in the gospel?
3. How can we deepen our enjoyment of Jesus and his gospel?

**Questions to help your group dig deeper:** Having understood the truth and explored how it can be applied to your lives, you could dig a little deeper and ask your group the following questions.

1. Read Acts 16:11-40 and consider what challenges the Philippi church plant would have faced?
2. What are the differences between natural partnerships like Ben and Jerry’s ice cream (effective though they can be) and our partnership with one another in the gospel?
3. If we don’t put our trust in God’s faithfulness for people to be saved, then what else might we be tempted to put our trust in?