

Sermon Notes – 4 Prayers For Joy

1. "GOD, HELP ME TO SEE MY CHALLENGES FROM YOUR _____."

Philippians 1:12-14 *Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.*

God's perspective brings clarity and reduces _____.

Romans 8:28 *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him...*

2. "GOD, HELP ME TO LIVE BY YOUR _____."

Philippians 1:18 *But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice ...*

Few things cause us to lose joy like _____.

"In light of _____, how much will this matter?"

3. "GOD, HELP ME TO KNOW THAT WITH YOUR POWER, NOTHING CAN _____ ME."

Philippians 1:19-20 *For I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.*

Two sources of hope: The _____ of others.

The help of God's _____.

4. "GOD, HELP ME TO FULFILL YOUR _____."

Philippians 1:21-26 *For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound an account of me.*

For me to live is _____.

They could take a lot, but they could not take away his _____.