

“Surpassing Joy”

Phil 3:1-11

(Pastor Bryan Chapell 11-13-2016)

Connect:

- 1) Have you ever set or tied a record of any kind? If so what was it?
- 2) What’s one time in your life when you came face to face with your human limitations?

Discuss:

- 1) Read Phil. 3:1-11. What is your first response to this passage and Sunday’s sermon?
- 2) We were reminded that when we do love beyond boundaries and serve beyond our strength the human heart is always ready to claim credit or to barter for blessings. What does Paul point out that can help realign our thinking and inspire our hearts?
- 3) We are to rejoice in the Lord which involves rejoicing in the *uniqueness* of the Christian message and the *hope* of the Christian message.
 - Describe what makes the Christian message unique.
 - How does the Bible help us “feel” the hope? (1 Cor 6:9-11; Eph 2:12-13,19; 1 Pet 2:9-10)
 - How does the church help us express the hope?
- 4) What does it mean to “trash your flesh” as a way of keeping your joy in the Lord? (Phil 3:2-9)
- 5) How can faith replace flesh as the foundation of hope? (Phil 3:10) *Hint from sermon: “treasure”
- 6) Why is it so important to “rejoice in the Lord”, to treasure Him above all our accomplishments and comparisons?
- 7) What from our discussion has God used to challenge you personally?

Partner:

1. Share and pray for any prayer requests you have.
2. Commit to praying for these requests throughout the week.