

message OUTLINE

STORM WARNINGS

Sermon Series: UNIMAGINED JOY: A Study of Philippians

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• NOTES •

TEXT: Philippians 1:27-30; Ephesians 6:10-18

I. IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM

Prison & Hardship

await me. *Acts 20:23*

Lived under
constant guard by
Roman Soldiers 24/7.

Acts 28:16



Embarrassed,
Humiliated,
Bad-mouthed

Phil. 1:16, 17

In Chains :
object of shame.

2 Tim. 1:16;

Phil. 1:13, 14, 17

2 Years under house-
arrest in Rome on
death row.

Acts 28:14, 30

II. LIFE-LESSONS IN PHILIPPIANS

AUTHOR & CIRCUMSTANCES

Paul wrote 4 of his 13 letters while in prison (Prison Epistles: Ephesians, Philemon, Colossians, Philippians).

ORIGIN OF THE BOOKS

All of Paul's letters were penned or dictated - all signed
by him. (*Col. 4:18; 1 Cor. 16:21; Gal. 6:11*) (*Rom. 16:22*) (*2 Thess. 3:1*)

SIGNIFICANCE OF PHILIPPIANS

Philippians is often called the Epistle of joy because the words joy & rejoice are used 16 times in it's 104 verses.

PAUL IN PHILIPPIANS

Paul demonstrates & writes about Unimagined Joy in the greatest of suffering & humiliation. He show us how to experience more joy in spite of circumstances !

III. PRAETORIAN GUARD

Praetorian Guard: a special unit of 4500. Made up Rome's most elite Army & personal security detail for Roman officials and high profile criminals (Paul).

Paul was chained to Roman Soldiers in 4 hour shifts, everyday, 24-7.

IV. ON GOD - AND THE GUARD

Praetorian Guardsmen noted for being:	Christ-Followers encouraged to:	<i>Phil. 1</i>
1. Courageous	Keep Christ <u> central </u> &	
2. Brilliant	stay <u> consistent </u>	<i>v. 27a</i>
3. Sophisticated	Stand <u> firm </u> & be faithful	<i>v. 27b</i>
4. Strong	Be <u> courageous </u> in conflict	<i>v. 28-30</i>
	Don't <u> fret </u> & don't <u> fear </u>	<i>v. 27a</i>

V. SUCCESS THROUGH THE STORM THE ARMOR FOR OVERCOMING CONFLICT *Eph. 6:10-18*

1. <u> Belt </u> of truth	<i>v. 14a</i>
2. <u> Breastplate </u> of righteousness	<i>v. 14b</i>
3. Feet Shod with preparation of Gospel	<i>v. 15</i>
4. <u> Shield </u> of Faith	<i>v. 16</i>
5. <u> Helmet </u> of Salvation	<i>v. 17a</i>
6. <u> Sword </u> of Spirit - Word of God	<i>v. 17b</i>
7. <u> Prayer </u>	<i>v. 18</i>

Don't Die...

If You're Going to Die...

 die fighting !