



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 14 November 2021

Week 5 – Rejoicing in the Lord is a Safeguard Philippians 3

Tom shared a testimony on Sunday in church reflecting on the Joy series.

1. What encouraged you from what he shared?

Please read Philippians 3.1

The New Living Translation puts it like this.. v1 *rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.*

2. Why do you think Paul repeats this instruction, and never tires of repeating it?
3. What comes to mind when you think about the need for 'safeguarding'?

Please read Phil 3.2; Acts 15.1-2

Paul has some stark words of warning to ensure the believers are aware of the dangers of those who would steal their security, peace, assurance and joy in the Lord - by their lies.

4. We don't necessarily have to safeguard against the exact same joy-stealing dogs in our circumstances today, but what kind of joy-stealing lies and influences do we need to safeguard against today?
5. Why is learning to rejoice in the Lord the key spiritual discipline in overcoming the joy-stealing lies of the evil one?

Please Read Phil 3.3; Romans 2.28-29; 1 John 3.1

6. In Phil 3.3 Paul counteracts lies with truth. He identifies three joy-giving strands of our identity in Christ. What are they? Why are they important for safeguarding our joy?

Please read Phil 3.4-12

7. What has Paul learned about joy?
8. What is his priority in life?
9. What have you learned about rejoicing in the Lord from this session? What's the first next step for you in developing a habit of rejoicing in the Lord?

In closing, please read together or sing together the words of Robin Mark's song, 'All I Once Held Dear', and rejoice in the Lord together.