



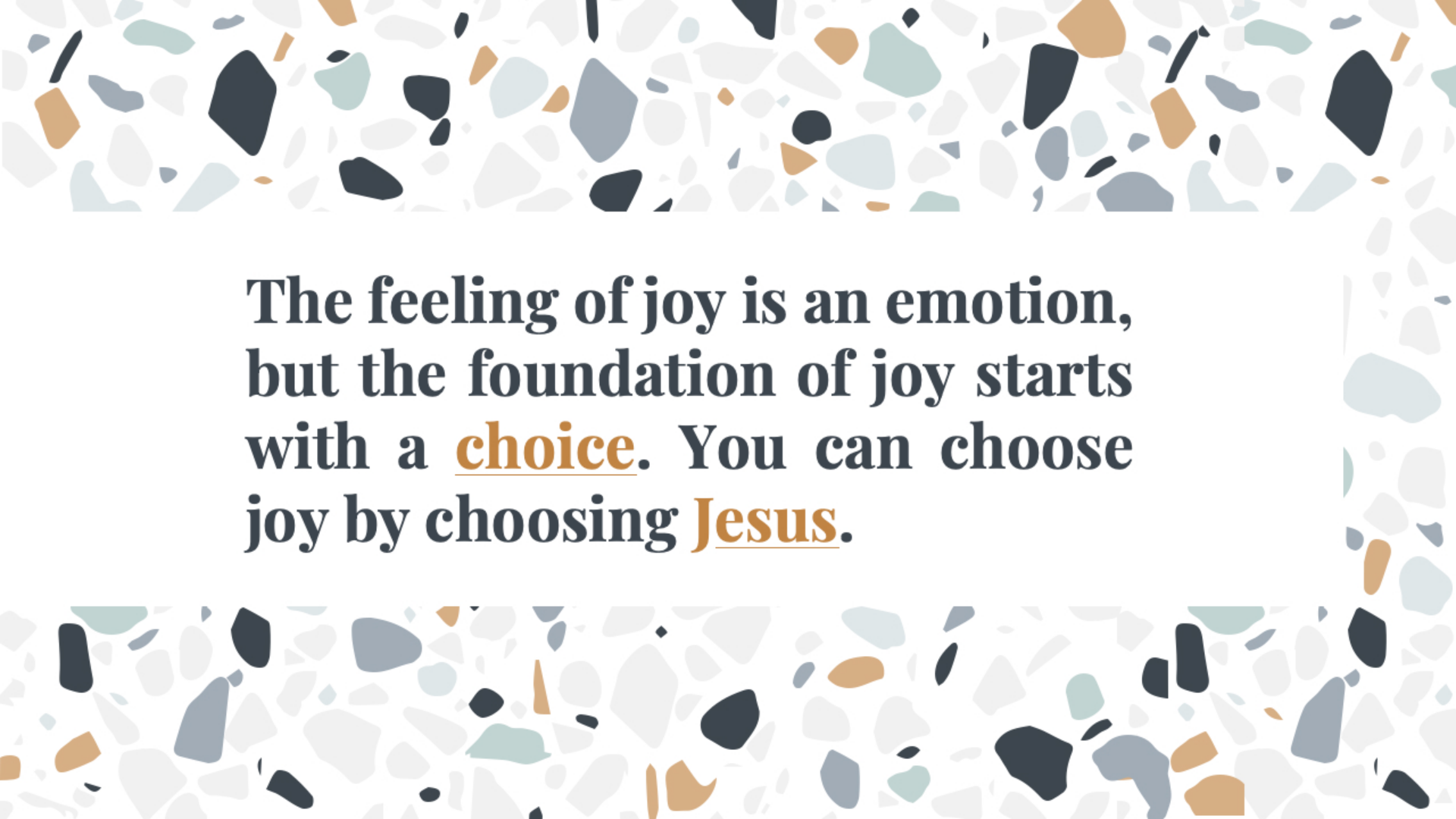
ALWAYS CHOOSE JOY

A Journey through Philippians




¹⁶ Always be joyful.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 NLT




The feeling of joy is an emotion,
but the foundation of joy starts
with a choice. You can choose
joy by choosing Jesus.



¹⁰I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty.

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-23 NIV






I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-23 NIV






acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸I have received full payment

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-23 NIV






and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-23 NIV





²¹Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. ²²All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

²³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-23 NIV



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**Breaking down Paul's
thank you note to the
Philippians.**




**Paul shares his
perspective on the gift
from the Philippians**

vs 10-14

Paul reminded the Philippians that his thankfulness for the Philippians' giving wasn't because he was needy (though he was in fact in need), but because it was good for them to be givers. Paul wants them to understand that one of the primary motivations for giving should be because I need to be a giver.





¹³I can do all this through
him who gives me strength.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13 NIV





**To achieve the type
of contentment
that Paul talks
about we need the
strength of Jesus.**

**¹³I can do all this through
him who gives me strength.**

PHILIPPIANS 4:13 NIV



**Paul shares his thanks
for the past and present
giving of the Philippians**


vs 15-18

**Paul wasn't so much interested
in the gift on his own behalf, but
in the credit to their account.**



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**How can our giving be
fragrant, acceptable
and pleasing to God?**



¹Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. ²They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-5 NLT





³For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. ⁴They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. ⁵They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-5 NLT





**How can our giving be fragrant,
acceptable and pleasing to God?**

It flowed from their joy



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They gave sacrificially



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They gave willingly

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How can our giving be fragrant, acceptable and pleasing to God?

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They first gave
themselves to the Lord




**Paul shares a promise to
the Philippians regarding
their own needs**

v 19


We should notice that this promise was made to the Philippians—those who had surrendered their finances and material possessions to God’s service, and who knew how to give with the right kind of heart.





³⁸"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

LUKE 6:38 NIV



**Paul is telling the people of
Phillipi and us today that
you have given some, but my
God will provide for your all.**

