



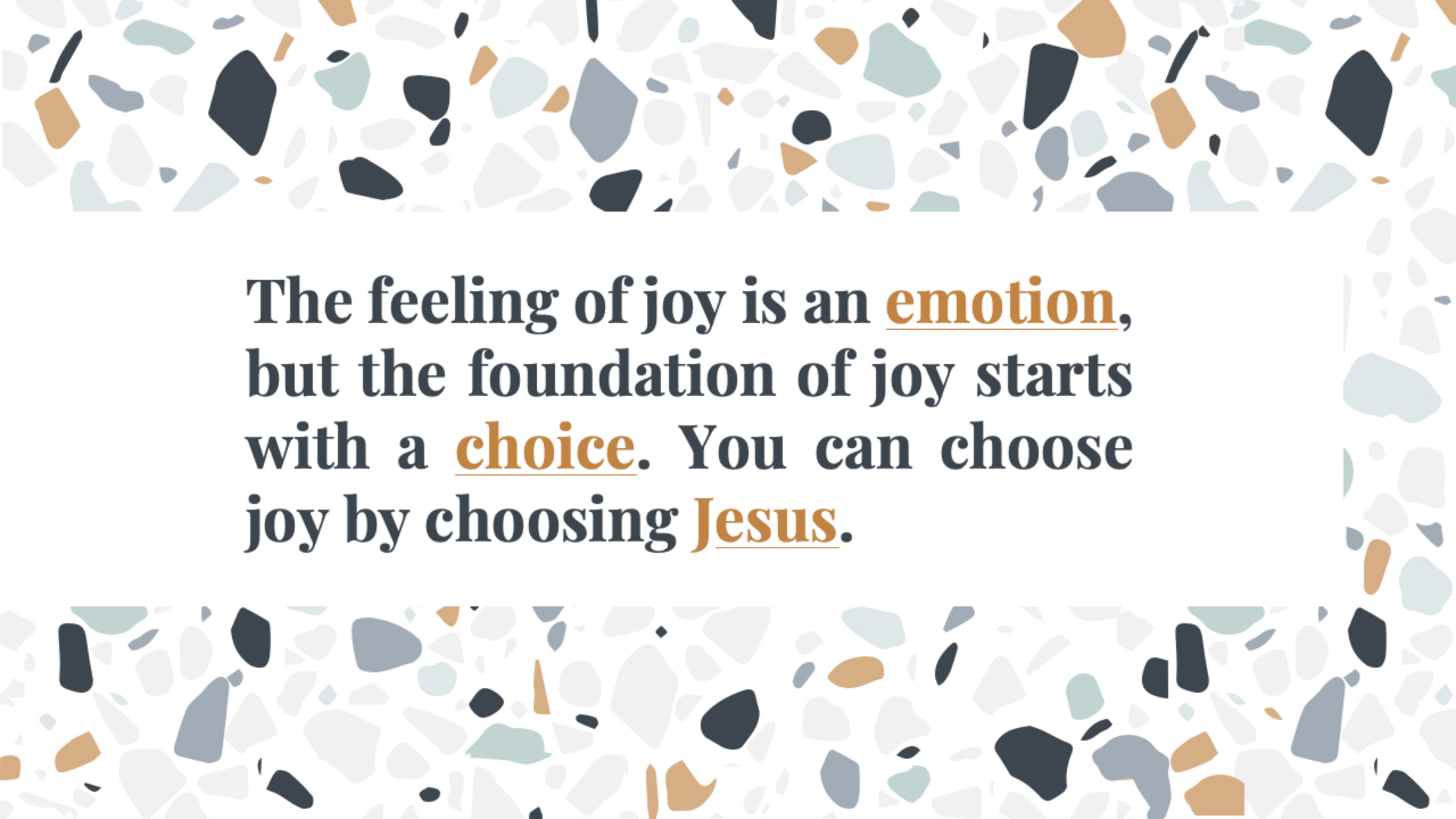
ALWAYS CHOOSE JOY

A Journey through Philippians




¹⁶ Always be joyful.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 NLT

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



¹⁹I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²²But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son

PHILIPPIANS 2:19-30 ESV






with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

²⁵I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your

PHILIPPIANS 2:19-30 ESV






messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸I am the

PHILIPPIANS 2:19-30 ESV





more eager to send him, therefore,
that you may rejoice at seeing him
again, and that I may be less anxious.
²⁹So receive him in the Lord with all
joy, and honor such men, ³⁰for he
nearly died for the work of Christ,
risking his life to complete what was
lacking in your service to me.

PHILIPPIANS 2:19-30 ESV





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He carries Paul's **letter** back to the church in Philippi.



**Paul gives
Epaphroditus
three special titles**






Paul calls Epaphroditus his brother.



Paul calls Epaphroditus his brother.

Brother speaks to a relationship to be enjoyed.



¹Keep on loving each other as brothers
and sisters.

HEBREWS 13:1 NLT






Paul calls Epaphroditus a fellow worker.



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Worker speaks of a job to be done.



²³Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24 NIV






Paul calls Epaphroditus a fellow soldier.




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Soldier speaks of a battle to be fought.



¹⁶We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 JOHN 3:16 NLT



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Jesus is our model of the perfect soldier.

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**Jesus is our
model of the
perfect soldier.**

He was obedient to the Father.



**Jesus is our
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He was obedient to the Father.

He was loyal to the Kingdom of God.



**Jesus is our
model of the
perfect soldier.**

He was obedient to the Father.

He was loyal to the Kingdom of God.

He was so devoted to others that
He sacrificed everything for us.



What should we imitate from the life of Epaphroditus



What should we imitate from the life of Epaphroditus

He was a messenger



What should we imitate from the life of Epaphroditus

He was a servant




**The ancient Greek word
for “ministered” is the
word that would be used
for priestly service.**





What should we imitate from the life of Epaphroditus


He was a gambler




²⁹So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

PHILIPPIANS 2:29-30 ESV





The ancient Greek phrase “risking his life” uses a gambler’s word that meant to risk everything on the roll of the dice. Paul wrote that for the sake of Jesus Christ, Epaphroditus was willing to gamble everything.





Epaphroditus was willing to gamble his earthly life because he knew, concerning his eternal life, he could not lose.

