

PHILIPPIANS

Persevering Through Problems

Philippians 1:27-30

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Perseverance Principles

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2. When fear overwhelms you, stop to refocus your _____.
3. Is Jesus your teacher or your _____?

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Romans 5:3-5 NLT

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Questions based on the sermon from September 21, 2025

Getting to Know Me

1. Last week we talked about living with purpose – what’s one way you try to keep Christ at the center of your everyday life?
2. This week is about standing together. Who has been a steady encourager in your walk with Christ, and how has that shaped you?

Digging Deeper

3. Read verse 27 and answer the following:
 - What does it look like to “live as a citizen of heaven” in your daily choices?
 - How can you conduct yourself in a way that is truly **worthy of the Good News**?
 - What helps you **stand firm in one spirit and one purpose** with other believers?
4. Read verse 28. When have you felt intimidated in your faith? How does this passage encourage you to respond?

5. In verse 29, Paul calls suffering a “grace”. Do you see trusting Christ and suffering for Him as a privilege? Why or why not?

6. Read verse 30 and consider our brothers and sisters serving and struggling for the faith around the globe. How does knowing that “we are in this struggle together” strengthen your perseverance?

Making it Personal

7. Where in your life right now do you most need to remember that you are a **citizen of heaven**?
8. Who is someone God may be calling you to **stand together with** in one spirit and purpose in the coming weeks?
9. How would your perspective shift if you saw your current struggle as a **privilege** instead of a burden?

Prayer: Read Psalm 27:1, 13-14 together.

“The Lord is my light and my salvation – so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?... Yet I am confident I will see the Lord’s goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.”

Pray together, asking God for course to live as citizens of heaven, strength to stand in unity, and hope to endure struggles with joy.

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