

Intro: Paul in his hour of Need

Book of Philippians

- Paul is going through a very hard time
- How was Paul able to rejoice without anxiety in these situations?

Philippians 1:20-21

*For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer **and** the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed...*

1) Prayer – a) Through your prayers

- Look how important Paul regarded the prayer of the saints
- When we pray something supernatural starts to take place
 - Peter freed from jail, church are praying for him at Mary's house Acts 12:5-19
 - Dead are raised to life – Elijah prays for a young boy 1 Kings 17:21-22
 - Pray for the sick - Lay hands / oil Jms 5:16
 - Devil tremble – They come out by prayer Mrk 9:29
 - People's eyes / understanding are opened – Paul prayed for the church Eph 1:17
 - Moses prayed for food & water for the people Ex 15:25
- Miracles happen when we pray...

2) The Supply - b) The supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ

- We too go through hard times
- The Greek word for supply (noun) (G2024) – '*epichoregai*'
 - '*epi*' – preposition: **above, upon, over and above**
 - '*choregeo*' - **on behalf of the chorus / to defray the costs of the chorus**
 - huge epic contribution, more than enough, excessively large
abundant, overflowing & overwhelming large

3) Get Expectant – 'according to my earnest expectation & hope'

- When you're down, feeling low like Paul – what are you meditating on? Phil 4:8
- Start to connect with SmallGroups – They can pray & believe with you!
- Allow them to encourage you in faith
- Mediate on the Supply box
- Get your expectations high