

Welcome to Promise Land Bible Church  
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## Praise and Prayer Request

**Philippians 1:3-6** I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.



**Call to Worship**  
**Psalm 142**

**Psalm 142** With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD. I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him. When my spirit faints within me, you know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me. Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul. I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me! Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name! The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

# Face to Face

## Hymn 128



# Jesus Paid It All

## Hymn 273



# Receiving of the Offering



**2 Cor. 9:5** So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready **as a willing gift**, not as an exaction.

# ***Famous Quote:***

*“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a **known God.**”*

**CORRIE TEN BOOM**

An open Bible is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with text, but it is mostly out of focus. The background is a bright blue sky with some light clouds. The text is overlaid in a large, bold, black font.

**Today's Message**

**“Christ's Example”**

**Scripture text: Philippians 2:1-18**

**Philippians 1:27-30** Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that **you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything** by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For **it has been granted to you** that for the sake of Christ **you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake**, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**1 Corinthians 16:13** Be watchful, **stand firm in the faith**, act like men, be strong.

**1 Corinthians 1:9-10** God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **I appeal to you**, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and **that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.**

**Jude 1:3** Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write **appealing to you to contend for the faith** that was once for all delivered to the saints.

When Epaphroditus brought a generous gift from the church in Philippi, and good news of the church's concern for Paul, he also brought the bad news of a **possible division in the church family**.

Apparently there was a **double threat** to the unity of the church; **false teachers** coming in from without (Phil. 3:1–3) and **disagreeing members** within (Phil. 4:1–3).

Paul knew what some church workers today do not know, that there is a difference between *unity and uniformity*.

**Philippians 2:1-4** So if there is **any encouragement** in Christ, **any comfort** from love, **any participation** in the Spirit, **any affection and sympathy**, complete my joy by being of the **same mind**, having the **same love**, being **in full accord and of one mind**. ***Do nothing from rivalry or conceit***, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

True spiritual unity comes from within; **it is a matter of the heart**. Uniformity is the **result of pressure from without**.

This is why Paul opens this section appealing to the highest possible spiritual motives (Phil. 2:1–4). Since the believers at Philippi are “**in Christ**,” this ought to encourage them to work toward unity and love, not division and rivalry. In a gracious way, Paul is saying to the church, “Your disagreements reveal that there is a spiritual problem in your fellowship. It isn’t going to be solved by rules or threats; it’s going to be solved when your hearts are right with Christ and with each other.” *Paul wanted them to see that the **basic cause was selfishness**, and the cause of selfishness is **pride**.* There can be no joy in the life of the Christian who puts himself above others.

The secret of joy in spite of circumstances is the **single mind**. The secret of joy in spite of people is the **submissive mind**.

The key verse is: **Philippians 2:3** Do nothing from rivalry [strife] or conceit [vainglory], but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

In Philippians 1, it is “**Christ first**” and in Philippians 2 it is “**others next.**” Paul the soul winner in Philippians 1 becomes Paul the servant in Philippians 2.

# Softly and Tenderly

## Hymn 432

