

**Rejoicing in Christ is Life's Pursuit**  
**The Joyful Life Series**  
**Philippians 2**  
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Introduction: Last week, Pastor Tom brought out the point that we are to strive and struggle together as we serve for the sake of the Gospel. Serving together for the furtherance of the Gospel needs to be our life's pursuit, which ultimately brings about a **REJOICING** heart.

I. **CHRIST** is to be the blueprint of life; it's in Him we rejoice – Philippians 2:1-11

- What is a blueprint or CAD/CAM?
- The suffering brings about consolation and fellowship of the Spirit
- Fellowship with the Spirit is not just a beautiful idea, it is a blessed reality, it goes way beyond a church potluck
- Serving others as Christ Jesus lived the example
- Right thinking is crucial to right living
- Right vision – Revelation 1:4-8, 18a

II. Christ's blueprint in **PAUL** and Timothy - Philippians 2:12-24

- Working out what was worked in – Romans 8:16-17
- Lights in the midst of this world
- Rejoicing at the end of this life
- Being like-minded to further the work of the Gospel

III. Christ's **BLUEPRINT** in Epaphroditus – Philippians 2:25-30

- Pressing forward regardless of circumstances
- Paul's "parenting heart"
- Lacking the opportunity but not the will

Conclusion: As did Paul, Timothy and Epaphroditus, may we find our life's **DESIRE** in the furtherance of the Gospel.