Intro to Philippians:

Greek words from tonight

- ***Skybala (SKOO-bah-lah)*** – Strong's G4657 (Philippians 3:8): rubbish, refuse. To throw at the dogs
- ***Parabiazomai (par-uh-bee-AHD-zo-my)*** – Strong's G3849 (Acts 16:15): "constrained", urging so strongly they can't say no. Used only twice, both by Luke (see Luke 24:29).
- ***Splanchna (SPLANK-nuh)*** – Strong's G4698 (Philippians 1:8): "bowels", the inner organs. From the bottom of my heart.
- ***Paraboleuomai (par-uh-bol-YOO-oh-my)*** – Strong's G3851 (Philippians 2:30): "not regarding his life", a gambler's word.
- ***Chara (khah-RAH)*** – Strong's G5479: a calm, steady, lasting joy. The joy word of Philippians.
- ***Politeuma (pol-ee-TYOO-muh)*** – Strong's G4175 (Philippians 3:20): "conversation", or citizenship. A colony of the Kingdom.

Themes to watch for

- **Joy:** "rejoice" and "joy" come up 14 to 16 times (1:18; 4:4)
- **Fellowship:** a shared partnership in the work (1:5)
- **The mind of Christ:** humble, serving, obedient (2:5)
- **Pressing on:** "I press toward the mark" (3:14)
- **Citizenship:** "our conversation (citizenships) is in heaven" (3:20)

Military words to spot as you read

- **Stand fast** (1:27; 4:1): hold your position
- **Striving together** (1:27; 4:3): shoulder to shoulder
- **Fellowsoldier** (2:25): Epaphroditus
- **Keep** (4:7): God's peace stands guard, like a garrison

Timeline (approximate)

- About AD 49–50: the ecclesia begins (Acts 16)
- About AD 56–57: Paul passes back through Philippi (Acts 20:1–6)
- About AD 60–62: Paul writes Philippians from prison in Rome

My notes