

## **Quick Facts – Finding Joy**

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### **Author Bio:**

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### **Script:**

We can all use a little more joy in our lives. But how can we find joy in a world where so many bad things happen?

The apostle Paul is an unrivaled expert in finding joy in difficult circumstances! He and his missionary coworker, Silas, are renowned for singing in a Philippian jail with their backs bruised and bleeding from being flogged and their feet securely fastened in stocks. More than 10 years later, we find Paul writing from a different prison, but his heart is still with the believers in Philippi. Surprisingly, the prisoner is compelled by the Spirit to encourage those who are free!

In John Brunt's commentary titled *Finding Joy*, the reader can follow a central theme of joy found in the book of Philippians. Read the letter, follow the commentary, and discover the secrets of finding joy.

### **Bulletin Announcement:**

Despite the apostle Paul's circumstances, the theme of joy in the book of Philippians is wonderfully highlighted in John Brunt's commentary titled *Finding Joy*.

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