

## Rooted in the Word weekly readings for:

**March 17-23, 2014**

**Scripture: Philippians 1:12-30.**

Begin each daily devotional reading with prayer. Ask that God would speak to you through His Word and through the Holy Spirit. Consider memorizing verse 21.

**March 17: Read the book of Philippians.** Try to get a sense of the major themes that the writer of this letter (Paul) is trying to convey to the church at Philippi. How do these themes relate to your life and the life of our church today?

**March 18: Read Philippians 1:12-30.** Focus on verses 12-14. What was Paul's context? Paul sees good coming from a bad situation in his life. How have you experienced good coming from a bad situation in your life? Where is Paul's emphasis in his context? Does this make a difference for our lives?

**March 19: Read Philippians 1:12-30.** Focus on verses 15-18a. Paul notes that there is division among the preachers of his day. Where does Paul put the emphasis of this matter: on them, on himself or on Christ? Does this make a difference?

**March 20: Read Philippians 1:12-30.** Focus on verse 18b-26. Paul is uncertain about his future, but he is sure that God is at work and that God works for Paul's good and God's glory. What would it mean for you to affirm the same in your life?

**March 21: Read Philippians 1:12-30.** Focus on verses 27-30. What does Paul call the church to be and to do in these verses? Would he say the same thing to the Kidron Mennonite Church?

**March 22: Read Philippians 1:12-30.** What message does the Lord want you to hear from this passage for your faith and life? Can you write it down in a sentence (or two)? How could this passage be of hope to someone you might meet today?

**March 23: Read Philippians 1:12-30.** Spend time in prayer thanking God for His Word, asking that He would continue to speak to you through the Spirit, this passage and the message on Sunday morning. Pray for the preacher and our congregation.