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Week 18
5/27/18

Thinking Right-Side Up
In an *unog-apsdn* World

Staying For The Credits
(Philippians 4:20-23)

Introduction: For Paul, there's still a little "movie" left to challenge us!

Three Challenges to Close Our Study

- Give GLORY to God our Father! (4:20)
 - It means: to DRAW the world's ATTENTION to God's majesty.
 - ⇒ Through our WORDS.
 - ⇒ Through our ACTIONS.
- Warmly WELCOME the Saints, your BROTHERS! (4:21-22)
- Savor GRACE from JESUS, your Savior! (4:23)

Conclusion: Now that the "movie" is over and we're left with a blank screen, what will you do with all this?

Will you choose to respond to God's grace by intentionally retraining your mind to think differently, or will you just go with the flow?

Debrief Plan: 5/27/2018

Icebreakers:

1. If you had to work on a movie set, what job would you want to have?
2. Do you like surprises or do you like things to be predictable?

Sermon Summary: Before we can end our study of Philippians and move on, we have to grapple with the final challenges that Paul gives us – we need to live our lives to give all the glory to God, we need to reach out to one another with warm welcomes and affection, and we need to savor the grace of Jesus that makes it all possible.

Discussion Questions: (*Read Philippians 4:20-23 together.*)

1. We believe that ALL the words of the Bible are equally inspired. How does that affect how we read parts of the Bible that seem...well...boring (like Paul's personal greetings in his letters, or genealogies, or OT laws)?
 2. Are all parts of the Bible equally important to our lives?
- * **Give Glory to God our Father!**
3. If it's impossible for us to add to God's glory, then why does God want us to participate in the process of "giving him glory"?
 4. How can we "draw attention" to God's glorious majesty with our words in normal conversation?
 5. Tell a story about someone whose actions helped you to SEE with your own eyes how great and glorious God really is.
- * **Warmly Welcome the Saints, your Brothers!**
6. What gets in the way of us just enjoying and welcoming one another as fellow believers?
 7. Why do you think it's so important to Paul that we think of other believers as family? How well do we do this?
 8. How connected do you feel to Christians around the world who you've never even met? How could we build tighter connections?
- * **Savor Grace from Jesus, your Savior!**
9. What does it mean to "savor" grace as opposed to just accepting it?
 10. What is your favorite example of God's grace in your life?