

## **Joy is a State of Mind Philippians 1:12-30**

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1. There is conflict in Christianity and the church, both in and through sacred and spiritual sources.
2. We need to have a mindset that focuses on the big picture and the real picture 4:8
3. We will suffer :29, I Tim 6:12-16, 2 Tim 3:12, 4:7ff (See Acts for Paul's suffering and II Cor 1:8, 4:7-9, 11:23 for a list of trials)
4. We need to encourage others to have courage in the midst of the Christian life like Paul did. How will you do this today?