

Kids' Chronicle

St. Paul writes to friends in Philippi

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Greetings to all my friends in Philippi, especially those who helped to build and lead the new church. Timothy is with me and wishes you all well. I pray for you often. Your faith in God is always an encouragement to me. When you pray, always ask for wisdom. I have no doubt that God will continue to lead you until we are all with Jesus.

As proud I am of all you have done, and how diligent you have been as you study God's word, I have heard things about you that sadden me. Is it true you are disagreeing about simple matters? This should not be the case among God's people.

My beloved friends, Euodia and Syntyche, do not quarrel. Try to live as sisters. To the other women of the church, I say help these two friends, that they may stop arguing. They have both been faithful servants of the Lord. Do not let pride interfere with their good work.

I have also heard that you worry more than you should. Worry is nothing but a weakness in our faith. We need only pray to God for the things we need in a grateful and sincere manner and he will always give us what we need. Let your faith bring you the peace that comes from knowing God is with us wherever we are, whatever we are doing.

Let me offer a short list as a guide to good Christian living.

Keep your thoughts clean.

Meditate on things that are true, wise or just. If you do there will be no room for evil or sorrow or worry in your life.

Live your life according to the example Jesus set for us. God's greatest wish is for



Illustration by Amy Sundstrom

us to live in peace with each other as we serve him.

I know what it is to go without food or proper shelter. But I have learned that whatever I have is enough for that moment. It is only because of the power of the Holy Spirit that I am able to say these things. On my own, I can survive no hardship. It is God's grace that has made the difference in my life.

Do not be discouraged. You are all good people. When I came to Macedonia for the first time, you were the only people who helped me. And you can help me now by remaining strong in your faith.

Do not let fear or worry make you weak. God will provide everything you need, by the power of his son, Jesus.

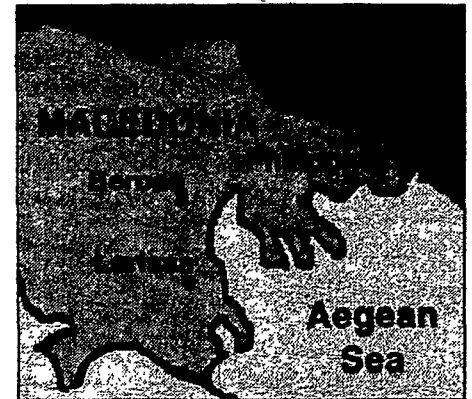
May God be with you always.

Love,
Paul

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Q&A

1. Why was Paul unhappy with the two women?
2. What did Paul say he had learned about surviving hard times?



Bible Accent

Philippi was an important city in Macedonia, in the northern part of Greece. It was built on a hill above the shore of the Aegean Sea. It was approachable by both land and sea.

The city takes its name from Philip II of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great.

Paul made three major missionary journeys, and he made stops at Philippi on two of them. Philippi was the first place in Europe where Paul started a congregation.

According to Acts 16, Paul first visited Philippi because he saw a vision of a man who said, "Please come to Macedonia and help us." Paul immediately set a course for that area. Later, when Paul was in prison, he wrote a letter to the people of Philippi.

St. Vincent

Vincent de Paul was educated at a Franciscan college in the French city of Dax and at the University of Toulouse. He was ordained a priest before he was 20 years old, and he became the chaplain to Queen Margaret of Valois.

Upon learning that the poor citizens of France were not receiving adequate religious instruction, Vincent set out to teach them, with the help of Jesuit priests.

He eventually established a religious order that he originally called the Lazarists, after the church of Saint Lazare. They later became known as Vincentians. One of their main duties was to care for the poor and the sick.

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Bible Trivia

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Puzzle

Complete each of the following with a word beginning with the letter "B." Answers can be found on page 7.

1. "B _ fruitful and multiply." (Genesis 1:28)
2. B _ _ jamin, youngest son of Jacob. (Genesis 35:24)
3. B _ _ _ , a Canaanite god. (Hosea 2:8)
4. The Holy B _ _ _ _ .
5. "B _ _ _ _ , I stand at the door." (Revelation 3:20)
6. John, the B _ _ _ _ _ .

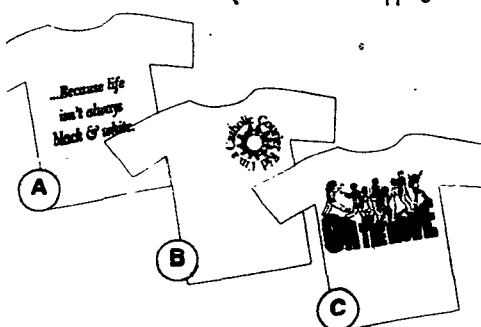
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