

**CHOOSING TO SMILE – A Study of Philippians:  
Lesson Six: “Morning is Near”**

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“Joy comes in the morning (Ps. 30).” “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases...He compassions are new every morning...Great is His faithfulness (Lam 3:22). “Even the youths shall be exhausted, and the young men will all give up. 31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:30-33 TLB).” “I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection (Phil 3:10).”

1. When we hurt we must **TRUST THE LORD** by spending productive time in the \_\_\_\_\_ rooms of life.

**How:**

- A. You look for the most \_\_\_\_\_ people you can find and stay close to them.
- B. You share your \_\_\_\_\_ with others who care about you in the Lord.
- C. You intentionally do something to better \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
2. We must realize there is a big difference between putting our \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Everything we need to know about \_\_\_\_\_ can be found in the cross and the empty tomb.

## *Patrick Ford and Allison*

- Patrick and Allison plan to marry on June 16 in Nashville, Tennessee.
- Patrick is 27 years old and holds two BA degrees, one in Bible and one in Psychology.
- Allison is graduating in May with a BA in Youth and **Children's Ministry**.
- Patrick also has a strong background in computer technology and is heavily involved in Youth Ministry at the Otter Creek congregation in Nashville and recently served as the Summer Youth Minister at Berkeley Springs in West Virginia.
- **Allison has served as a Youth Intern and Children's Minister** Intern with the Alpine Congregation in Longview, Texas and White Station congregation in Memphis.
- Patrick and Allison will be visiting us next Friday, Saturday and Sunday...Please plan to get to know them.

**All LIFE Groups are asked to meet at the church building next Sunday Night (5:30pm) for a potluck meal, devotional and Q&A Session with Patrick and Allison.**

## ***LIFE Group Discussion Guide***

For Week of March 18

### Philippians 3:1-11

1. What does it mean to place confidence in the flesh?
2. What are the common ways, even Christians, can place their confidence in flesh?
3. Paul had a great resume...What was so impressive about it?
4. Even Christians tend to place greater value on other Christians who have many earthly accomplishments, as opposed to those who have few material things they can point to in this world as theirs. What does that say about us? What can we do about it?
5. Discuss the meaning of Phil. 3:7 and what it means for what we depend upon for our security in his life?
6. **How has "knowing Christ" changed your view of what is important in the world?** How does he change what we value (notice 2 Cor. 5:16, 17)?
7. It is easy for people who have achieved much in the world to also have a strong sense of personal righteousness. What does this **passage say about how we view God's grace in our lives?**
8. What have you considered loss or rubbish in your life because of Christ?
9. How would you describe the power of the resurrection in your own words?
10. What are the most important lessons you will take from this passage?