

# Building Our Homes as Outposts of Victory

## Outpost

1. a fortified position established at a distance from the main camp of an army.
  2. a settlement or colony that is connected with, subject to, and promotes the interests of a homeland.
- A. The ancient city of Philippi was an outpost of Rome.
- B. A church (the first in Europe) was established during Paul's second missionary journey (*Acts 16*).
- C. 13 years later, Paul wrote his letter to the Philippians. Notice carefully what he wrote:
1. 1:27 - "Only let your manner of life [**politeuesthe** - conduct as a citizen] be worthy of the gospel..."
  2. 3:20 - "Our citizenship [**politeuma**] is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus..."
- D. The message: you live in a Roman colony, but...
1. \_\_\_\_\_ is your homeland.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ is your Savior and Lord.
  3. Your primary allegiance is to \_\_\_\_\_ and his kingdom.
  4. Your manner of life is to be shaped by the \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. The victory belongs to Jesus (2:8-11); be \_\_\_\_\_ of that victory (1:5-6).
- E. We don't live in Philippi, but what if we took the same principles and applied them to our homes?

## Keys to Building Our Homes as Outposts of Victory:

- Outposts of victory in Jesus are inhabited and guarded by \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1).
- Home as God intended is to be a \_\_\_\_\_ where the fruit of righteousness, love, knowledge, discernment, and excellence abounds to the glory and praise of God (1:9-11).
- Victory is forfeited when our homes are transformed into \_\_\_\_\_ and we turn on each other (2:14-15)
- Homes are shaped by the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who live within them (2:1-7; 4:8-9).
- While there is no such thing as a perfect home, disciples of Jesus are called to press on and strain \_\_\_\_\_ to what lies ahead (3:12-15).
- In the midst of a dark, chaotic, self-centered world, our homes can be outposts of victorious \_\_\_\_\_ (4:4-7)
- The key to victorious homes is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (1:2, 7; 4:23)