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HOW TO STUDY, MANUSCRIPT STYLE

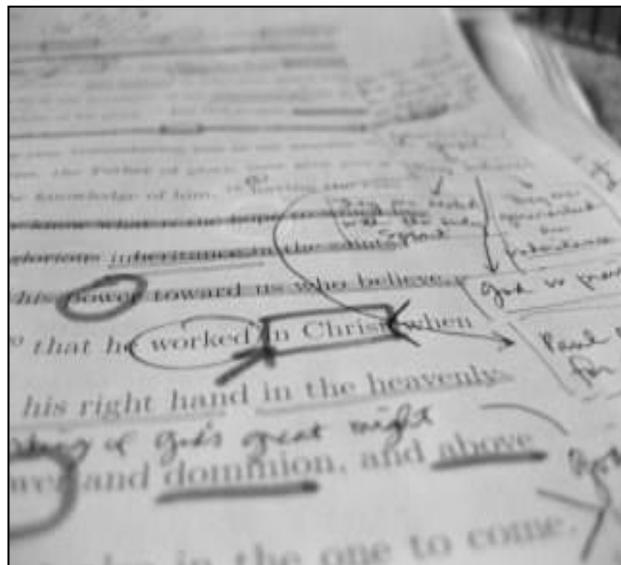
READ & STUDY—Look for the W's

WHO is involved | WHEN did it happen | WHERE is it happening
WHAT is taking place | HOW is it happening, and then... ask the
WHY questions regarding what the author's message is about.

Who? What?
When? Where?
Why? How?



MARK IT UP! Use colored pens/pencils. A four-colored pen can be very handy. Don't worry about getting it perfect, just mark it up!



Use pens and pencils to draw

--Circles around places and people --Boxes around whatever you'd like --Underline key quotes/interactions--Clouds on wherever you feel like --Identify change of scene, watch for contrasts, repetitions, titles, key words, etc.
--Notes go in margins and in between lines....



REFLECT, PRAY, ACT

How does what you're studying apply to you and where you are with God, others, etc.? Keep a personal journal on the back of the pages. Use it to record your thoughts, prayers and new actions.

DISCUSS WITH OTHERS

Share one-on-one or in a group. You should have a facilitator to lead discussion but no one is the expert. The goal is that EVERYONE contributes their insights. If you're quiet, please speak up, and if you're too talkative... well... not so much. Make the text real in your personal life—together!



HOW TO LEAD, MANUSCRIPT STYLE

--READ the section together out loud. Such reading gives the group a sense of initial togetherness.

--STUDY individually for 15-30 minutes—as long as members are engaged—with colored pens.

--DISCUSS your observations together which can be done one-to-one or within the small group.

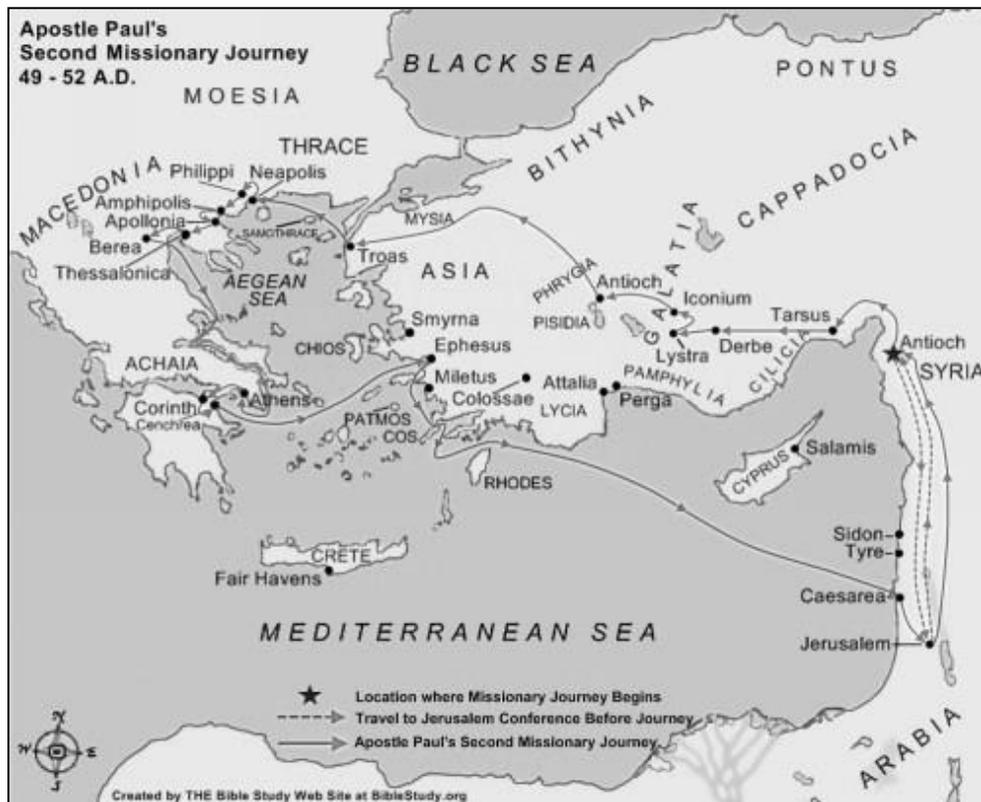
Ask the W questions: *Who's involved & where? What's going on & when? How's it happening?*

--DRAW OUT key interpretative questions/conclusions within a small group discussion: The *Why?*

--WRAP-UP with the leader summarizing the key points which should lead into personal application.

--APPLY the insights you've gained through further one-to-one or small group sharing/prayer/action.

PHIPIANS BEGINS WITH PAUL'S 2nd MISSIONARY TRIP THROUGH PHILIPPI—ACTS 16: 6-34



16: ⁶And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. ⁸So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰And when Paul^[a] had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to

Philippi, which is a leading city of the^[b] district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us. ¹⁶As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. ¹⁷She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are are servants^[c] of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation."¹⁸And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. ²⁰And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. ²¹They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice."²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. ²³And when they

had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹And the jailer^[d] called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. ³⁴Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

Footnotes:

- a. Acts 16:10 Greek *he*
 b. Acts 16:12 Or *that*

- c. Acts 16:17 Greek *bondservants*
 d. Acts 16:29 Greek *he*

PHILIPPIANS

1: ¹Paul and Timothy, servants^[a] of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers^[b] and deacons.^[c] ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace^[d] both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.¹²I want you to know, brothers,^[e] that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard^[f] and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word^[g] without fear. ¹⁵Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good

will. ¹⁶The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy ^[h] of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and

now hear that I still have. **2:** ¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, ⁸being born in the likeness of men. ⁹And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ¹⁰Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹¹so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹²and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹³Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹⁴for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. ¹⁵Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁶that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁷holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or

labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me. ¹⁹I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²²But you know Timothy's ^[k] proven worth, how as a son ^[l] with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also. ²⁵I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me. **3:** ¹Finally, my brothers, ^[m] rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. ²Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God ^[n] and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence

in the flesh—⁴though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, [\[a\]](#) blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold true to what we have attained. ¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have

often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we wait a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. **4:** ¹Therefore, my brothers, ^[a] whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. ²I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³Yes, I ask you also, true companion, ^[a] help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.

¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share^[r] my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.^[s] ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. ²¹Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²²All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. ²³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Footnotes:

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| <p>a. <u>Philippians 1:1</u> Or <i>slaves</i> (for the contextual rendering of the Greek word <i>doulos</i>, see Preface)</p> <p>b. <u>Philippians 1:1</u> Or <i>bishops</i>; Greek <i>episkopoi</i></p> <p>c. <u>Philippians 1:1</u> Or <i>servants, or ministers</i>; Greek <i>diakonoi</i></p> <p>d. <u>Philippians 1:7</u> Or <i>you all have fellowship with me in grace</i></p> <p>e. <u>Philippians 1:12</u> Or <i>brothers and sisters</i>. The plural Greek word <i>adelphoi</i> (translated “brothers”) refers to siblings in a family. In New Testament usage, depending on the context, <i>adelphoi</i> may refer either to men or to both men and women who are siblings (brothers and sisters) in God's family, the church; also verse 14</p> <p>f. <u>Philippians 1:13</u> Greek <i>in the whole praetorium</i></p> | <p>g. <u>Philippians 1:14</u> Some manuscripts add <i>of God</i></p> <p>h. <u>Philippians 1:27</u> Greek <i>Only behave as citizens worthy</i></p> <p>i. <u>Philippians 2:5</u> Or <i>which was also in Christ Jesus</i></p> <p>j. <u>Philippians 2:7</u> Greek <i>bondservant</i></p> <p>k. <u>Philippians 2:22</u> Greek <i>his</i></p> <p>l. <u>Philippians 2:22</u> Greek <i>child</i></p> <p>m. <u>Philippians 3:1</u> Or <i>brothers and sisters</i>; also verses 13, 17</p> <p>n. <u>Philippians 3:3</u> Some manuscripts <i>God in spirit</i></p> <p>o. <u>Philippians 3:6</u> Greek <i>in the law</i></p> <p>p. <u>Philippians 4:1</u> Or <i>brothers and sisters</i>; also verses 8, 21</p> <p>q. <u>Philippians 4:3</u> Or <i>loyal Syzygus</i>; Greek <i>true yokefellow</i></p> <p>r. <u>Philippians 4:14</u> Or <i>have fellowship in</i></p> <p>s. <u>Philippians 4:17</u> Or <i>I seek the profit that accrues to your account</i></p> |
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