

## **A shared confidence (Philippians 3:1-11)**

### ***Does it spark joy?***

Rejoice in the Lord! (v.1)

A safeguard

If you want to stay safe...

#### **1. Don't place your confidence in the flesh (v.2-6)**

Given their situation, what would you expect Paul to warn them about?

v.2! But who are they?

People who “put a plus-sign after Christ” (Motyer)

Christian = someone who puts “no confidence in the flesh” (v.3)

What ‘flesh’ is

Paul – the recovering ‘flesh-truster’

- Pedigree
- Performance

Our versions of pedigree and performance

How do we know if we are placing our confidence in the flesh?

The contrast

#### **2. Place your confidence in Christ instead (v.7-11)**

The life re-audit

The “surpassing worth of knowing Christ” (v.8)

Why is Christ such a great treasure? 3 things he offers us:

- Righteousness
- Resurrection
- Relationship

“At least...”