

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.

The ancient city of **Philippi** was an outpost of Rome. A church (the first in Europe) was established there during Paul's second missionary journey (**Acts 16**). Thirteen years later, Paul wrote his letter to the Philippians:

- **1:27** - "Only let your **manner of life** [*politeuesthe - conduct as a citizen*] be worthy of the gospel..."
- **3:20** - "Our **citizenship** [*politeuma*] is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus..."

Message: you live in an "outpost," 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**).

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; 4:2**).
- 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**).

