



Study of Philippians

*The house church at Philippi
and beyond
with the women who led there.*

*“Grace and peace to you from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Table 3

Philippians 1:12-30

“What has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.”

Paul experienced plenty of rejection as he proclaimed the gospel. There were many who opposed his ministry. They weren't anti-Christ but they were anti-Paul. People were jealous of Paul's success. It's one thing when suffering comes from those outside the family of God. We expect that, but when it comes from other Christians, that really hurts.

- Let's talk about envy, rivalry, selfish ambition, and false motives in sharing Christ.
- What story is your life telling about Jesus?
- What are some of the advantages you have experienced through your trials?

“For to me, to live is Christ and die is gain”

- Read Philippians 1:21-26. Discuss how these verses are challenging you to live into the tension between life and death. Many Christians don't maximize their flourishing through fruitful labor. What steps can we take to produce fruit?

“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel”

- The Greek word translated “conduct” means literally to live as a citizen. Are you as patriotic about being a citizen of the Kingdom of God as you are about your American citizenship?
- How are you learning to conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel?

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