



Focused on the Big Picture

Philippians 1:12-24

Philippians 1:12-14

Now I want you to know,
brothers and sisters, that what
has happened to me has actually
served to advance the gospel.
As a result, it has become clear
throughout the whole palace
guard and to everyone else that I
am in chains for Christ.

And because of my
chains, most of the
brothers and sisters
have become confident
in the Lord and dare all
the more to proclaim
the gospel without fear.

1. This has been an opportunity to share the gospel with the Roman guards and staff inside the palace.

**2. Fellow believers
have become more
brave and begun to
share about Jesus
and their own faith.**

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Philippians 1:15-18

It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.

The former preach
Christ out of selfish
ambition, not
sincerely supposing
they can stir up
trouble for me while I
am in chains.

But what does it
matter? The important
part is that in every way,
whether from false
motives or true, Christ is
preached. And because
of this I rejoice.

Philippians 1:20-24

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

God is also glorified
even in the middle of
the storms and the
struggles.

Philippians 1:21-24

For to me, to live is Christ
and to die is gain. If I am
to go on living in the
body, this will mean
fruitful labor for me. Yet
what shall I choose?
I do not know!

I am torn between the
two; I desire to depart
and be with Christ
which is better by far;
but it is more
necessary for you that
I remain in the body.

Ecclesiastes 7:1

**The day of death is
better than the day of
birth.**

1. Stay focused on
the Big Picture

Colossians 3:2

Set your minds on
things that are above,
not on things that are
on earth.

2. Look for the good
that God is doing.

**3. We get to choose
how we respond to
our circumstances.**

1 Thessalonians

5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 61:3

He will bestow on them a
crown of beauty instead
of ashes, the oil of joy
instead of mourning and
a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of
despair.

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