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Philippians 1:12-18

The Unexpected Advance

- 1. Our present _____ is potentially a gospel _____.
- 2. How we face _____ is a powerful _____ to who Jesus is and what He's done.
- 3. _____ faith is _____ faith.

BIG IDEA

The Gospel's _____ is the reason for Paul's _____.

What is the Gospel?

It is the good news that in God's love, He sent Jesus His, Son, our savior. Jesus died and rose from the grave, and when we put our faith in Him, sinners like ourselves receive forgiveness and new life such that we are filled by the presence of His Spirit and made one family, sons and daughters, and co-heirs in His eternal Kingdom.
Romans 5:8, 8:15; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Ephesians 1:13

How to make the main thing the main thing?

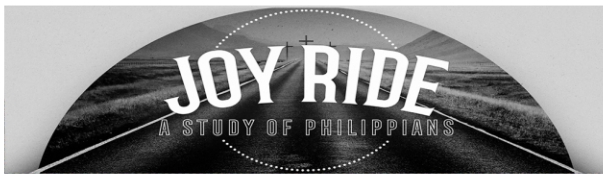
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MY NEXT STEP IS TO. . .

- Invite Jesus to be my Lord and Savior for the first time today.
- Memorize Philippians 1:18.
- Pray that God and the gospel’s advance would be my focus and joy.
- Ask God to show me the things in my life I’m treasuring instead of Him and His message.
- Choose to use the adversity in my life as an opportunity to share the gospel.





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1. Our present **adversity** is potentially a gospel **opportunity**.
2. How we face **adversity** is a powerful **witness** to who Jesus is and what He's done.
3. **Courageous** faith is **contagious** faith.

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The Gospel's **advance** is the reason for Paul's **existence**.

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