LifeBridge BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship Service
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PHILIPPIANS: Joy in the Journey

Lesson Five • Philippians 1:12-18

Joy in Gospel Advancement

How to Maintain Joy in the Journey

We can maintain joy in the journey by staying FOCUSED on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. Philippians 1:12

Gospel Perspective Makes All the Difference

Anytime, anywhere Christ is proclaimed and the Gospel is advanced it's a reason to REJOICE.

Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Philippians 1:18

Joy in Gospel Advancement

1. Rejoice That the Gospel Advances through Difficult CIRCUMSTANCES!

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. Philippians 1:12-14

Paul's Passion for the Gospel

The ADVANCEMENT of the Gospel was more important to Paul than his own comfort or freedom.

The Gospel Advances on Two Fronts

- People outside the Christian community HEARD the Gospel through Paul's imprisonment.

- People inside the Christian community SPOKE the Gospel with more boldness.

2. Rejoice That the Gospel Advances through Jealous CRITICS!

Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Philippians 1:15-18

The Gospel Advances through Two Groups

- Some preached Christ with IMPURE motives (Paul's critics or rivals).

- Others preached Christ with PURE motives (Paul's allies or friends).

Paul's Passion for the Gospel

The MESSAGE of the Gospel was more important to Paul than the motives of the messengers.

Anytime, Anywhere the Gospel Advances It's a Reason to Rejoice!

But don't miss the the source of our joy: JESUS CHRIST