

Chained for the Gospel

Scripture Reference: Philippians 1:12-26 NKJV

- Paul is in prison in Rome awaiting trial for preaching the Gospel in Jerusalem.
- During this time, he would write four prison letters. (*Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon*)
- God told Paul he would go to Rome. (*Acts 23:11*)
- Paul wanted to go to Rome. (*Acts 19:21, Rom 1:15*)
- God didn't tell Paul under what circumstances he would be going to Rome.
- Paul knew he was chained for a reason.

What Paul's chains produced.

1. Paul's chains _____ the gospel. (V12)
 - A. Furtherance: A military term that means to _____ advance.
 - B. Paul didn't find joy in ideal circumstances; he found joy in _____ others for Christ.
2. Opportunities to _____. (V13)
 - A. Paul was under watch _____ a day.
 - B. Praetorian guards would change shifts every _____.
 - C. 2 years in prison would produce _____ witnessing opportunities.
 - D. Can you adequately _____ the gospel with someone?
3. _____ other believers. (V14)
 - A. When people see great _____, they become _____.
 - B. "Speak without fear." This doesn't mean to _____. It is everyday _____.
 - C. We build _____ and earn the _____ to ask spiritual questions.
 - D. The _____ to the whole thing is you must open your _____.
4. Paul had _____. (V15-18)
 - A. People wanted to _____ themselves.
 - B. To canvas for office. To get people to _____ you.
 - C. Paul wanted to point people to Christ. Others _____ to get people on their side.
 - D. All that mattered was that the _____ was being _____.

E. God will always _____ His word. The power is not in the messenger, but in the _____.

5. Paul needed _____. (V19)

A. Paul _____ his circumstances to turn out well for two reasons.

1. _____ of his friends.

2. The _____ of the Holy Spirit.

B. We have a _____ as the body of Christ to _____ for one another.

C. Supply of the Holy Spirit: To be provided for _____ and lavishly.

6. Personal _____. (V20)

A. Paul was determined to see the will of God _____ in his life whether he lived or died.

B. His body was not his _____.

C. A telescope brings things far away _____. A microscope makes small things look _____.

D. People are _____ you. Your life is a _____ that makes a little Jesus big and a distant Jesus close.

7. Torn between two worlds. (V21-26)

A. Paul didn't have a _____ wish. He had a _____ wish.

B. Paul faced a difficult _____. To stay or go.

C. People needed Paul. There are people who _____ you. You are _____ for kingdom work.

D. There is no _____ in death.

E. Depart (_____): To pick up your tent and move to another area.

F. Depart (_____): To set a prisoner free.

G. Depart (_____): To unyoke an ox.

H. What are you _____ for? Is it Christ?

I. You fill in the blank: "For me to live is _____, and to die is _____."

