

**Series: "POWER UP"**  
**Part 2: "POWER TO OVERCOME"**  
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*<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. <sup>13</sup> As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. <sup>14</sup> 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.*

Philippians 1:12-14 (NIV)

**Three Strategies for Overcoming Life's Biggest Obstacles**

**1. Use your suffering to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_**

*<sup>15</sup> It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. <sup>16</sup> The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. <sup>18</sup> But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.*

Philippians 1:15-18a (NIV)

**2. Trust your rivals to \_\_\_\_\_**

*Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> 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! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.*

Philippians 1:18b-24 (NIV)

**3. Believe your death is \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_**

**The Secret Behind Paul's Power to Overcome:**

➤ **Make \_\_\_\_\_ and bringing him \_\_\_\_\_ the daily pursuit of your life**

*<sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.*

Philippians 1:27a (NIV)

**Why? Because \_\_\_\_\_**

*<sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.*

Luke 14:33 (NIV)

**How to Live a Life Worthy of the Gospel**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_**

*<sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.*

Philippians 1:19 (NIV)

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ on other people's \_\_\_\_\_**

**3. Depend on the \_\_\_\_\_**