

Depressing
Circumstances
Philippians 1:12-30

REST
DESPITE
BARRIERS

Cries of the Human Heart...

- Wouldn't it just be better if life were easier?
- Why does everything have to be so difficult?



Facts of Life...



1. Life is hard because barriers are hard.
2. Barriers in this life are inevitable.
3. Barriers, though seemingly harmful, are actually helpful God-given platforms meant to make you into the person God wants you to be...

Fly Over #1:
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1. Paul's in prison (Phil. 1:12-14).
2. Paul's being criticized (Phil. 1:15-18a).
3. Paul's facing execution (Phil. 1:18b-26).
4. Paul's downright lonely (Phil. 1:27-30).



BIG Idea: Depressing circumstances, far from being simple barriers, should be used as platforms to showcase God, the Gospel, and the glory of Christ.

Fly Over #2:
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A Platform!

1. Paul used his imprisonment as a platform for Gospel witness (Phil. 1:12-14).
2. Paul used his unjust criticisms as a platform for Gospel joy (Phil. 1:15-18a).
3. Paul used his impending death as a platform for Gospel motivation (Phil. 1:18b-26).
4. Paul used his loneliness as a platform for Gospel focus (Phil. 1:27-30).

In the End...

“We will stand amazed to see the topside of the tapestry and how God beautifully embroidered each circumstance into a pattern for our good and His glory.” – Joni Eareckson Tada

