

THE UNDEFEATABLE MAN

Make Peace with God

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Philippians 1:12-26 (NIV)

¹²Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸But 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. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹for 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. ²⁰I 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. ²¹For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²²If 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! ²³I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

- **The undefeatable man lives with a Kingdom of God perspective.** (vs. 12-19; Matthew 6:33; Colossians 3:1-3; Hebrews 11:13-16)

"You cannot defeat a man who views his death as an upgrade."

- **Don't let fear rule your life. Surrender to God and accept His love.** (vs. 18-21; 2 Corinthians 5:6-9; 1 John 4:18)

"The undefeatable man has no fear of death. He knows that he is not a body with a soul, but rather He is a soul with a body."

- **Peace with God brings joy and peace to every circumstance no matter how dark.** (vs. 22-26; 2 Kings 6:15-17)

"Those who have no peace with God are subject to all of the mental torment humanity faces. Yet, for those at peace with Him, an unshakeable joy emerges —a joy that no dark circumstance can ever rob them of."

Have you made peace with God today? Are you living for Him?