



**May 28, 2023 | Pastor Keith Krell**  
**Philippians 1:12-26 | “A Win-Win Situation”**

**Sermon Application Review from Phil 1:1-11**

Who did you remember in prayer this past week?  
How did you exhibit thanksgiving and joy for other gospel partners?  
In what ways did you increase your partnership with God’s church?

**Scripture References**

Philippians 1:12–26  
Acts 4:1–22; 28:30–31  
2 Timothy 2:8–10; 4:1–8  
John 15:18–25; 16:1–4, 33  
Matthew 16:21–27  
2 Corinthians 4:7–5:10  
2 Corinthians 5:11–21

**Study Questions**

1. What is the most significant trial you have ever endured (1:12)? How did you feel when this ordeal began? Over time, how did your perspective and attitude change? What did God teach you through this traumatic period? How did this low point prepare you for future trials? Read James 1:2–12.
2. During adversity, how has God opened doors for you to share Christ (1:13)? How has your bold gospel witness inspired other believers (1:14)? How have people responded to your joy and confidence in the Lord during these awful circumstances? How did you respond to their questions and comments? Is there anything you would say or do differently as a result of studying Philippians 1:12–26?
3. In what ways is death actually “gain” for a believer (1:21; cf. 2 Corinthians 5:1-8)? How might you encourage someone who is suffering loss or grieving death? In what practical ways might you live out Paul’s declaration “For to me, to live is Christ” (1:21)? Write out a Personal Mission Statement this week: “I exist to . . .”
4. What does it mean to experience “fruitful labor” (1:22)? How are you bearing fruit for Christ in your daily life (1:22–24)? In what ways do you hope to increase your spiritual fruitfulness? Read John 15:1–11. Is there someone in your life who will hold you accountable to serve those in your sphere of influence?
5. In what ways do you have a vision to help others grow in their faith (1:25–26)? With whom are you intentionally investing time and effort? Is this person also investing in others? Read 2 Timothy 2:1–2. What can you do to ensure you are helping others progress in their faith?

**Recommended Reading**

D. A. Carson, *How Long, O Lord?: Reflections on Suffering and Evil*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Baker, 2006)  
Jerry Sittser, *A Grace Disguised: How the Soul Grows through Loss* (Zondervan, 2004)  
Erwin W. Lutzer, *Heaven and the Afterlife: The Truth about Tomorrow and What it Means for Today* (Moody, 2016)