

The Undisputed, Undefeated Joy

Philippians 1:12–30

1. Joy in Gospel Advance (vv. 12–14)

Viktor Frankl, a Holocaust survivor, said: “He who has a why to live can bear almost any how.”

- God can turn our problems into **platforms** for the gospel.

2. Joy Beyond Rivalry (vv. 15–18)

- Joy grows when you’re aligned with something **bigger than** yourself.

“True gospel-humility means I stop connecting every experience, every conversation with myself. In fact, I stop thinking about myself. The freedom of self-forgetfulness is not needing to think about myself, not needing to connect things with myself.” Tim Keller

3. Joy in Life and Death (vv. 19–26)

“If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. **Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two.** My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.” - Philippians 1:22-23

- When the world says, “To live is **me**, to die is **loss**” Paul says, “To live is Christ, to die is gain.”
- Joy multiplies when it produces **courage** in others.
- Joy is stabilized when the **future** is secure.

4. Joy in the Privilege of Suffering (vv. 27–30)

- Hardships are not **obstacles**, but opportunities.

And here’s the secret: If you win by living, and you win by dying, then you cannot be defeated. That’s the secret to an undisputed, undefeated joy.