

FEAR AND FAITH CAN'T OCCUPY THE SAME SPACE

Part Four of Series: The Gift of One Day

How to Find Hope When Life Gets Hard

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“Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. 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. It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. 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. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice.” Philippians 1:12-18 (NIV)

FOCUS ON THREE FAITH BUILDERS

1. GOD'S PROMISES ARE MORE RELIABLE THAN MY FEELINGS.

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

“Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious - the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse.” Philippians 4:8 (MSG)

2. GOD'S POWER IS GREATER THAN MY CIRCUMSTANCES.

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

3. GOD'S PURPOSE IS HIGHER THAN MY UNDERSTANDING.

“... being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

“I want to report to you, friends, that my imprisonment here has had the opposite of its intended effect. Instead of being squelched, the Message has actually prospered.”
Philippians 1:12 (MSG)

“Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel.”

Philippians 4:7 (CEV)