



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **Unshakable Joy: Living for Christ in Every Outcome**
Series: **The Radical Guide to Joy**
Text: **Philippians 1:12-26**
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“Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.” (Philippians 1:12)

How do we respond when life doesn't go as planned?

1. REFRAAME YOUR _____ : CHALLENGES BECOME CHANNELS

- *“Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.” (Philippians 1:12)*
- *“...it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.” (Philippians 1:13)*
- *“...most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.” (Philippians 1:14)*

Practical Steps for Theological Reinterpretation

- **VIEW SETBACKS AS _____**
 - **USE _____ THEMES**
 - **SEEK _____ IN SUFFERING, LACK AND MINISTRY**
 - **SHIFT THE _____ from “Why is this happening to me?” to “How might God be at work in this situation?” or “What can this teach me about grace, faith, or service?”**
- *“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good....” (Genesis 50:20)*
- *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him....” (Romans 8:28)*

2. GUARD YOUR _____: CHRIST ABOVE RIVALRY

It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill.

The latter do so in 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. (Php 1:15–18).

- MIXED _____, SAME _____.
- MESSAGE OVER _____.
- CHARITY TOWARD FELLOW _____; CLARITY ABOUT THE GOSPEL.
- CHRIST, NOT FACTIONS, GETS THE _____.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. (Php 1:27).

3. CHOOSE WHAT _____ CHRIST: LIVE (OR DIE) TO MAKE JESUS BIG!

I 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.

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. (Php 1:20–21).

- PERSPECTIVE ON _____
- If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. (Php 1:22).
- PERSPECTIVE ON _____
- I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. (Php 1:23–24).

John Wesley's observation: "Our people _____ well"—because to die is gain.