

THE SUMMER OF LOVE 02

CRAZY JOY

PHILIPPIANS IS BOOK ABOUT CRAZY JOY.

I. RESIST THE NATURAL _____

DON'T GO DARK.

Philippians 1:12 (NASB95)

12Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel,

Do you see that word, "CIRCUMSTANCES?"

In the original Greek that one word was actually three little words that create a phrase with the literal meaning, "THIS STUFF THAT'S GONE AGAINST ME."

WHEN THINGS GO AGAINST US WE TEND TO GO ON THE

_____.

WE ATTACK THE THING THAT WE FEEL IS _____ US

WE ATTACK _____

II. EMBRACE THE PROACTIVE _____

PAUL SAW THREE THINGS THAT HAPPENED.

THE PRAETORIAN GUARD WAS GETTING _____

Philippians 1:13–18 (NASB95)

¹³so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else,

CHANCES ARE VERY GOOD THAT WITHOUT THIS IMPRISONMENT THE CHURCH IN ROME WOULD HAVE LOOKED VERY DIFFERENT.

YOU SEE IN THIS THE POWERFUL LESSON ON THE _____ OF GOD.

HE GOES ON TO SAY HIS IMPRISONMENT IS _____ THE CHURCH

Philippians 1:13–18 (NASB95)

¹³so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else,

¹⁴and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

HE SAYS THAT THE _____ IS EVEN PREACHED BY THOSE THAT HATE HIM

Philippians 1:13–18 (NASB95)

¹⁵Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will;

¹⁶the latter do it out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel;

¹⁷the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment.

THEY MEANT TO MAKE THINGS WORSE FOR PAUL BUT THEY WOUND UP MAKING THINGS FAR BETTER FOR THE GOSPEL.

WHEN THEY THROW STONES, DON'T _____ OVER TO PICK THEM UP AND _____ THEM BACK.

Philippians 1:13–18 (NASB95)

¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice,