

FINDING GOD IN LIFE'S SETBACKS

Philippians 1.12-18

PAUL'S REFLECTION ON HIS IMPRISONMENT

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Paul was imprisoned in either Caesarea or Rome after being arrested in Jerusalem (**Acts 22-25**). His enemies had even plotted to assassinate him, but ultimately he would spend two years in prison during this stint. During this time, some people were preaching in a way to somehow upset Paul, but this would not deter his focus.

**Instead of focusing on personal loss,
Paul is focused on Gospel gains.**

HOW DID PAUL *NOT* RESPOND?

What should stick out to us the most is that there is not even a hint of self-pity in Paul's words. Often, we complain about our situation. Paul no doubt would love to have gone to Spain or elsewhere to boldly spread the Gospel, but instead of moping or complaining, he focused on where *God had put him*.

Again, we hear Paul's confidence from verse 1.6; he knows and believes that God is indeed control and has a plan to work out all things for good.

HOW CAN WE RESPOND LIKE PAUL?

Our response to suffering glorifies Jesus because it encourages others when we look upon Him to be our strength. *Especially* when we are treated wrongly, our focus and response gives others strength.

1 Corinthians 7.17-28

Rather, when we make our focus and aim something else, particularly different circumstances, we rob ourselves of joy, others of strength, and God of glory.

To often, we are convinced that "if I only..."

- Was married
- Had a godly husband or wife
- Had more money
- Had more time
- Had an important ministry
- Had more talent...*then* we could *really* glorify God!

Rather, we need to be content with where God has us, focusing on what we can do and how He is working on us in those places.

2 Timothy 2.8-10

**You may be bound in your circumstances,
but the Gospel is not bound in your circumstances.**

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who is able to recite the memory verse?

Read **Philippians 1:12-18**. What impacted you the most from this scripture or from Sunday's message? _____

What has happened to Paul, and how is it advancing the Gospel? _____

When Paul uses the term "advance the gospel", He is showing the need to push God's kingdom forward rather than dwelling on past or present problems. As believers how do you handle past or present problems? Where do you turn? Are your eyes fixed on the problem, or God's promise that He has a plan to work out all things for good? _____

Share a time when God has used a trial in your life to advance the Gospel. _____

Read **James 1:2-4**. What does the testing of your faith produce? _____

Read **1 Corinthians 7:17-28**. Are you content with your situation or circumstance? Are you content with your job? Your living situation? Your financial situation? How do we bring glory to God if we aren't? How should we respond? Read **Philippians 2:14-15** and **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**. _____

Take some time to pray and confess. If you aren't content in your situation, pray for your heart to be fixed on God's glory and to be so thankful for His saving grace that your circumstances pale in comparison.



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