

REJOYCE

MESSAGE NOTES

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Because Jesus is worth it, live with courage now
knowing that your future is with Him

1. Reach your **world** no matter whomever happens to be in it

Philippians 1:12-18

Trinity's Mission:

Rooted in Jesus. Reaching our worlds.

A Trinity Core Value:

Your calling is to influence your world with Jesus

Though we may have people in our relational worlds that we wouldn't have asked for (i.e. Paul being chained to Roman guards), we need to see that every relationship is an opportunity for us to be **intentional Jesus influencers**.

The chained inspired the unchained. When believers heard that Paul used his chains as an opportunity to express his faith in Christ, even to the palace guard, they were emboldened to proclaim Christ fearlessly even when they might have been intimidated to keep their mouths shut.

G. Walter Hansen, Pillar New Testament Commentary – The Letter to the Philippians.

2. Heaven is not a "**parting gift**," but the prize itself

Philippians 1:18-26

Philippians 1:21

"Life is _____"

All joy... emphasizes our pilgrim status; always reminds, beckons, awakens desire. Our best havings are wantings.

C. S. Lewis

Colossians 3:1-4

Jesus' promise to us of eternity with Him in Heaven creates confidence in us for our **tomorrow** while we labor faithfully on mission **today**.

3. Suffering isn't a reason to live **inconsistently** with the Gospel

Philippians 1:27-30

Jesus followers all around the world are suffering for their faith today and while we may not suffer in significant ways yet, this passage is powerful because it prepares us for when we **will**

John 15:20; 16:33

1 Peter 4:12-13

Now What?

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HOME GROUP NOTES

Philippians 1:12-20

You are invited to connect in a Home Group. We are striving to do life together as God's family. On our website, click on "Join a Home Group."

Our five-fold commitment to living as family: Open to all people, building trust, life-change, being reliable, trusting God together.

Reflections

When do you remember a difficult time that required having a 'good attitude?'

Learn from the Bible

Read Philippians 1:12-30.

How was Paul's update encouraging to the church? Why? (12-14)

What was Paul's attitude about his circumstances? Why did he "rejoice?" (15-18)

What was the source of Paul's help? (18-19)

How would you summarize Paul's view of life? (20-24)

What was Paul's goal for the Philippian believers? What might it cost them? (25-30)

How would you answer the question: 'For me to live is _____?'

Discuss Together

What impresses you about Paul's view of his circumstances and future? How is this relevant to our lives?

According to this passage, what helps us take on Paul's (and Timothy's) view and courage? (Please be specific)

Why is there suffering involved for 'partners in the gospel?' What is the "conflict/struggle?" What was Paul's attitude toward suffering? (1:5; 29-30)

Pray Together

- Let's pray that our family would take on Paul's life view.
- Pray for our global partners who are facing many challenges
- Pray for us, that "love may abound" (1:9)

Let's treasure God's Word

For this week, let's memorize 1:6 and 1:21.